it is so long since my heart has been with yours

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shut by our mingling arms through a darkness where new lights begin and increase, since your mind has walked into my kiss as a stranger into the streets and colours of a town—

that i have perhaps forgotten how, always (from these hurrying crudities of blood and flesh) Love coins His most gradual gesture,

and whittles life to eternity

—after which our separating selves become museums filled with skilfully stuffed memories