Failure, a sheer loss, her loss There were guests, people With or without kin, Me? I too was a guest, he was beside her.

Oh! How she had left me, unnoticed?! I was there, she was there We were there, we were not there Was a mistake? Or a chance? Moonlit was that night, no birds No friends, no stars, clouds Surrounded the white, but still blessed us Beneath the giant arms, near the prop She was alone, waiting, for somebody Who? How I could know? 'Stranded?' Gazed at my face, smiled, That changed to a small giggle! What for? I saw no cause She turned her face away, called , and disappeared I was left alone, stranded, With the red pinchers, and others Giving me company For she had left. Peered the dark, searching her, Until, a vehicle made it clear, She had left me, unnoticed.

I was now alone for sure
In the crowd, aloof from her,
Known by few , hidden from many
Left with thousands of others.
I was then one amongst thousands,
And I still am one amongst the thousands.

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