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Faces taut, bodies rigid.
The couple face each other,
locked in inner turmoil—
the decision of a lifetime.
The electricity devours and
envelops them,
breeze rustles like static cling,
Lovers live the lie.

Wedding bells and grey doves,
holding hands in the chapel.
Radiant bride and glowing husband—
yours forever, I do.
Happiness swirls,
rushing like the ocean
Lovers live the lie.

Street corner,
in the misting rain
and lamplight.
He will never face her
again.
She is running away,
running,
for happiness' sake.
He moves to stop her,
the truth sinks in.
They were never happy.

Lovers live the lie.