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It's funny that we first began  
to fall in an English class

where our teacher would  
quote us the divorce rates

as if to say  
it's the fools who believe—

your lives are merely  
the flip of a coin

and Romeo and Juliet  
were just two dumb kids

we pondered whether  
you could reduce love

to a normal distribution  
and some error bars

when years later I start  
working my own calculations

how many miles  
separate us now

how many days  
until it's zero

and what are the odds  
we make it

well if the numbers look good  
does that make me

the mathematician

or the fool?