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I used to be an open book,
blindly granting trust.
I'd gladly give away my heart,
to have it thrown out to the dust.
I started laying one clay block
Each time someone left,
And brick by brick I built my wall
'Til my heart saw no more theft.
I still had so much love to give,
But I kept it all suppressed,
because in order to be safe,
My heart could have no guests.
The sharpest of barbed wire
became my broken soul's safeguard,
So, when one was pricked on entrance,
They'd run off newly scarred.
And though I forbade anyone
To get close to me,
I secretly yearned for just one soul
To stay instead of flee.
And little did I know
That just outside my wall,
God sent someone to chip away
The deterrent I'd installed.
The barbed wire didn't phase him,
With ease he cut it down,
He carefully removed each brick
Placing them on the ground.
Then in his hands he held my heart
that for so long had been locked up,
And for the very first time in my life
I felt I might just be enough.