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To the Daughter I've Yet To Have

by Kristin Spooner

I'm sorry you're not here yet.
I wish you were.

I hope so much for you:

that you are not too young
for my friends' children to play with you
that you have more than just a few years
to know the warmth of your grandparents
that you do not mind when you realize
your parents are neither young nor cool
and most of all

that you can forgive me
for making you wait so very long.

I really am sorry.
Please understand that to me,
each minute not knowing you
feels an eternity,
my heart an infinity loop
that I trace with the tips of my fingers,
hoping to find my way to you.

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