



Picture by Germain Droogenbroodt

AND YET... I LOVE YOU

*(A Mangyan poem) **

It is difficult for me
to think of you
because between you
and between me
is the vast sea
is the dark rainforest.

But
when I think of you
with all my love
than it is
as if you stand in front of me
as if you are with me.

TRANSLATION: GERMAIN DROOGENBROODT

** Mangyans are a Filipino minority, the original inhabitants of the island of Mindoro.
The poem is originally written in Mangyan. The poet is unknown.*

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