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Ten billion possible permutations.
What was the chance I'd dial yours?

When you agreed
to be mutually exclusive,
I stopped calculating
how my every step
would affect you

but you reduced me
to my lowest terms
until I was nothing but a first-degree
polynomial, the steady slope
to your quartic variation.

In our inverse relationship,
my love grew as quickly
as yours faded into the axis.
Eventually, I stopped trying
to plot your points.

The smaller I grew,
the closer we came to our limit,
and when at last I had
all but disappeared,
you pointed to the hole
where our value should have been.

I guess we weren't
differentiable after all.