



*I only meant
 To question
 Not to harm
 I razed the toll-free bridge
 Connecting mutual trust
 I should have
 Asked you
 Privately
 Sustaining courage left me
 While we were on our own.
 Now the gap between us
 Is not closed
 By an embrace
 My arms, my soul
 Are empty, missing you
 Brash, I am alone
 Isolated by a distance
 I created
 Not with Mere Words
 With public accusations.
 You know me well
 You listened
 Not just heard
 You understood the meaning
 Of my hidden thoughts
 How can I end
 This unforced loneliness?
 Mere Words
 Will not revive
 The trust we shared so long
 Mere Words
 Will not repair
 The damage
 I have caused
 To you, to us
 Mere Words
 Will not rebuild
 The solid structure
 I destroyed
 With callous whim
 Mere Words
 Will not return
 Free passage
 On our bridge
 Restored by human faults.*

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