

commitment

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smoking cigarettes
is the closest i've ever come
to being in a long-term,
committed
relationship.
sure,
the object of my affections
will probably kill me
in the end.
but isn't that the case
in most long-term,
committed
relationships?
at least for now,
i know the cigarettes
aren't going anywhere,
and they never
get angry with me
when i don't tell them
i love them.

