

# Geek Love

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1  
0-1,  
baby, jack us  
in and toggle on- I  
wanna be full-time, real-time and  
global.

2  
We've clicked  
and tapped 'til dawn  
and our exhaustion meet,  
EtherNets become ether-mates.  
Tonight?

3  
Until  
tonight, when Category 5  
and Fiber cables melt  
and servers crash,  
too hot.

4  
After  
our electrons  
kiss what bliss is there in  
lips, mere flesh, compared to mingled  
data?

5  
Hard drive  
overload! Down-  
load now! A file to fill

every byte and lock you up  
for good.

6  
Hack me.  
Break my code. Know  
my algorithms. Use  
my data nodes. Leave your lethal  
virus.

7  
No bytes  
tonight. Except  
Triple X come-ons  
and suspicious attachments from  
strangers.

8  
Ano-  
nymity's best,  
the flickers disclosing  
nothing, flesh's failure staying  
secret.

9  
Replace  
me bit by byte  
with circuits and switches.  
Make me one with the glimmering  
Machines.

10  
Replace  
me part by port —

I'll flow through solid states,  
transcend materiality  
and Be.

11  
I have  
become the hum  
of hubs, wink of servers,  
data flow at the speed of light.  
I am

12  
at last,  
a string immune  
to time and common colds,  
messenger on the way to eyes  
unknown.

