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Secrets in Ink

My signature in black ink
Its color masks what I feel
My heart feels nothing that's real
It disguises what I think

My alter writes his name in white Feeling all emotions at once Ink tells of none concerned in months My want shone in apparent light

My mind a compendium of dates
Each day writes new entries in the book
Only my alter and I may look
They must read this before it's too late

My secret want written in verse Nothing spoken this is my curse