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Eros

Two loving solar numbers
wind about through diffuse sortilege
hand in hand: 220
and 284

They only had to meet and recite
the verses that defined them at once:

I die in myself to be born in you

Translated from the Portuguese by Renato Rezende

Author Note: Amicable numbers. Specular numbers. The sum of the proper divisors of each is equal to the other.

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