



Sun Plus Moon by Karl Kempton

Eclipse, a love poem

The moon writes a letter on sun's face: an inverted C
looking backwards toward a point of no return.

Later, a perfect O appears: O as in /Ove,
a love letter, the moon emerges from a cloud at

the precise center of the blaze blinding the naked
eye. Then the slow withdrawal begins: C reverses

position — light seeking the mirror image of itself.
How different things might have been given another

angle: U — the *union* sign mysteriously formed
in the penumbra, or upside-down \cap — symbol for

intersection culled from the alphabet of mathema-
tics. Imagination's games of closeness at a distance.

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