

Love Letter

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I'd like to be a shrine, so I can learn from peoples' prayers the story of hearts.
I'd like to be a scarf so I can place it over my hair and understand other worlds.
I'd like to be the voice of a soprano singer so I can move through all borders
and see them vanish with every spell-binding note. I'd like to be light so I
illuminate the dark. I'd like to be water to fill bodies so we can gently float
together indefinitely. I'd like to be a lemon, to be zest all the time, or an olive
tree to shimmer silver on the earth. Most of all, I'd like to be a poem, to reach
your heart and stay.

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