

## Somonka

### Somonka for My Valentine

Come, cuddle with me.  
Turn the computer hum off,  
erase green screen words,  
spark love words within my heart—  
warm, red, Valentine's Day thoughts.

Leave your computer.  
Touch me, not your keys, your pen.  
Love me beyond words.  
Silently show me you care.  
Quietly share our own space.

**Somonka:** Two Tankas talking. Two voices. First stanzas of 5-7-5-7-7 syllables responded to with 5-7-5-7-7 syllables in second stanza. Good for love poems. Japanese epistolary love poem can be written by two poets or one.