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POEM: Can You Hear Me Through the White Noise?

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Can you **Hear** what I am telling you?
When I look away,
When I don't answer,
When I look blankly through you?

Do you **Want** to know?
Or is it too uncomfortable?
Too awkward?
Too ugly?

Speak to me with your Eyes,
Your Heart,
Your Soul,
Your Being.
Can you, hear me, see me, Feel my Pain?

Are you **Worth** my time?
Or is this all the same boring Rhetoric?
Hearing your-Self speak?

Already hearing what **You** want to know.
Validating
Measuring
Quantifying,
Proving **Your** point.

What about Mine?
Does it even matter,
..... **Do I?**