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i have never felt safe
using a telephone;
it is one thing to talk to a person
and quite another to let
ten billion billion electrons
pass messages along by word of mouth
who knows
what subtle changes of meaning
might occur by chance?
(a watt lost here and there)
or perhaps some grand atomic censor
might hear some derogatory comment
pass it to a friend in a power line
and i (the antagonist)
might find myself being
strangled by my goose-neck lamp
far safer to delegate to
pen and ink (my trusted friends)
my thoughts and aspirations
and, hopefully, my love

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