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Illusion of Forever (An Unknown Fate)

You are so sure you've found a soulmate, merging
cosmic urges with the intimate, two lives blended
together, if not forever, then just a few years apart—

the grand finales: facing out to sea on a sun-filled
beach in iconic Adirondack chairs, with soft sand,
cool breezes, turquoise waves, an endless horizon.

But time can thwart such well-laid plans: early
death, divorce, disastrous disease, or dementia.

Let x stand for an unknown fate, then substitute what
could occur, not idyllic but instead, a deadly tsunami,

flooding perfect shorelines, waterlogging our souls,
and soaking paper-thin emotions into a soggy mess.