Chopin

What I remember most
Is this feeling of
Holiday
Knowing that
It would end
And the drudgery of
The world would
Soon return

So I savored the
Moments as best I could
Knowing that I was
Somewhat handicapped
By my lack of sophistication
In certain realms

We labored
Loved and
Lived within the walls
Of our respective hearts
Citadels really and
I do miss you

Miss your playing the piano most
So delicate and alive
A common thing for you
For me
The sweetest pleasure
Like a ray of light in the murkiest catacomb or
A soft hand caressing my grizzled cheek
My God
It was a sound that touched me
The clod
As deeply as possible
Making me want to climb
Mountains in your name
To worship you by
Loving you in the sweetest way
To lay at your feet
The sum total of my wealth

Your laughter
Your kisses
Your Chopin
This is what I miss

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