

## **When I Say I Love You This Much, I Mean**

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The deepest chasms of the oceans  
can be measured by pressure sensor  
and sonar, but not human hands.

That is, the sun will exhaust  
the hydrogen fuel in its core  
in five billion years, and expand

into a red giant, and engulf  
Mercury, and Venus, and maybe  
even Earth. What I mean to say is,

there are ninety lighthouse keepers  
in the United States, and no way  
to tell how many lives they save.