



I only meant To question Not to harm I razed the toll-free bridge Connecting mutual trust

I should have Asked you Privately Sustaining courage left me While we were on our own.

Now the gap between us
Is not closed
By an embrace
My arms, my soul
Are empty, missing you

Brash, I am alone Isolated by a distance I created Not with Mere Words With public accusations.

You know me well You listened Not just heard You understood the meaning Of my hidden thoughts

How can I end This unforced loneliness? Mere Words Will not revive The trust we shared so long

> Mere Words Will not repair The damage I have caused To you, to us

Mere Words
Will not rebuild
The solid structure
I destroyed
With callous whim

Mere Words Will not return Free passage On our bridge Restored by human faults.

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