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*Aloneness is different
from loneliness.*



Loneliness means you want somebody.

Loneliness means



*you have not planned to stand
somewhere with other people gone.*

Loneliness never has a bright color.
Perhaps it is gray.

Loneliness does not
have a lovely sound.

It has an under buzz.
Or it does not have a sound.

When it does not have a sound
I like it least of all.

But aloneness is delicious.
Sometimes aloneness is delicious.



Once in a while aloneness is delicious.
Almost like a red small apple
that is cold. An apple that is small
and sweet and round and cold
and for just you.

