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Bent like two etchers  
Over their engraving  
Our temples nestled on each other's,  
We share a cup,  
A pencil,  
A carelessly folded page.

It is warm,  
Cozy,  
Our fingers mingling on the page,  
Our hearts more in tune than our brains:  
We're an anagram of intimacy.

That's the ideal.

Lately, it's me a little  
You a little—  
We glance at a clue  
As we walk by,  
Scream out an answer in the middle of the night;  
I can't remember when we finished one.

Still, in the hastily shared clue,  
An inspiration during dishes,  
There's another puzzle  
In play.

What's a  
four-letter word for  
*Affection*?  
Write it in—  
I'll check back in the morning!