

# I and i

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I have existed for aeons,  
not knowing that I live.  
I am the shadow treading on obscure lanes,  
I fear and doubt, hate and deceive  
I am the radiance that illumines every path  
I am love and conviction that treads on very heart.

I paint & compose verses,  
And i scribble my name beneath it.  
I am kind, pure and virtuous,  
And i keep a trace of all these deeds.  
i am lost in prattle and pretense,  
I am found in profound silence.  
I rejoice and smile for no reason,  
i find reasons to celebrate.  
I am the harbinger of merry seasons,  
and i, the memoy of dismal days.  
I am a prayer born of complacence,  
I am a blind player who loses & wins,  
Not I, for I am the witness who perceives.

