



Barbed Wire

A background image of a barbed wire strand with a knot, rendered in a light, semi-transparent style.

My barbed wire of DNA
Encompasses and delimits me.
With shortcomings written in code,
I concoct a life within these boundaries,
Of opportunities and misconceptions,
Encoded and scripted from a brief whim,
Empowered hope embodied in double strands,
Wound around each other like paired lovers.
Transparent to light and yet,
Their messages sometimes sorely visible,
Randomly delivered by the postman of time.

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