

When my lover is across the ocean

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Exhale. Whisper. Speak. Voices airborne. Talk talk.
Into microphone. Keys. Pictures of keys. Signs.
Logic board. Vocal folds vibrate. We. In chatter streams.
Through earth. Through air. Big water. Whisper modulation.
No landline. Breath. To phone mast. Sea signal. High sign.
Tiding. Marconi. Signal Hill. Poldhu. Breathing.
In data ocean. Ocean ocean. Troposphere.
Voice heat. Ours. Clouds. Ours. Condensation. Ours. The weather.
Ours. Islands. Shore. Beach sand. Cable landing. Manhole.
Gun Beach. Bilbao. Lan Tao. Brest. Electric Beach.
Palm tree. Base station. Monopalm. Monopole. Steeple.
Tower. Bell sound. Call change. Scramble. North. South. East. West.
Wind. Words. We. Water. Winnings. Worship. Workmanship.
Rock solid. Broadcast. Radiation. Quiet zone. Signal storm.
Word switch. Ring system. Network. Word bundle. Word packet.
Love charge. Cable load. Bandwidth. Wow. Video flutter.
Screen light. Moonlight. Starlight. Sunlight. Day. Data less.
Less wire. Wireless. Microwave. Backhaul. Transceiver.
Call me. Transmit. Receive. Failed HD. Frequency channel. Fail.

Cobalt. Earthen. Display. Ectoplasm interface.
Flow. Expanding. Server farm. Expanse. Cooling system.
Fever. Parched. Rapt. In keys. Cable routes. Trees.
Garden. Gutta percha. Resin. Rubber tubing.
Thermoplastic. Number armour. Amour. Handsfree. Gear.
Soil. Earth. Terrestrial. Body. Vocals. Invisible.
Aerial. Alien. Transatlantic. Sub-sea. Sound.
Listening. Bitstream. Channel. Literal radio.
We whisper. Lip to ear. Through glass. Walls. Plastic. Light scope.
No rock dove. Fibre optic translating through hair size
Through time. Cable. Copper. Coaxial. Compac. Complex.
Industrial. Strength. Breadth. Breath. Hearts beat. We speak.

I inhale your words.
My words.

Your breath. My breath. Ours.
A puff. Exhale.
A flurry on my tongue.

And an acid cloud event.
Rain—it tastes

of territorial traces.