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Consider the Interplay

He wants robots. *Less is more*, I say.
Watch me rub the juice of fruit
decomposition out of my car seat
with fairly traded soap, a repurposed
old t-shirt. *See, good as new.*
Something holographic sits patiently
on the screen. A coworker apologizes
for her single-use plastic bottle.
We forgive her, of course.

Of course, we remember
Mother Earth's second marriage
to Father Tech. We licked the ice
sculptures into submission,
we composted catering leftovers.
We tried not to cry, but joy
grew through us from our feet.
Then we wondered about duration—
how long can anything last?

Last night's relationship therapy:
development of cleaner solar cells,
a viral video inspired them to pay
attention to packaging. Don't let
things get swept up by Technology's
temper. Play counselor, diplomat,
play outdoors because it feels
good. Time, when measured
in inches, becomes endless—yours.