Oh White Elephant

A white elephant,  
mystical sign  
of good luck,  
peace & prosperity,  
seemingly brings sorrow to  
the lovers who can’t  
make up their minds  
on what to keep,  
what to discard.  
This indecision,  
or perhaps fear,  
causes shadows to creep in  
here and there,  
casting darkness over  
what once was passionate,  
& exhilarating.

A white elephant,  
mythical symbol  
of unwanted possessions  
that have become a burden,  
difficult to get rid of,  
makes its triumphant  
entrance into the lives of  
two lovers who seemed  
so close, so connected,  
yet now choosing to travel  
parallel roads, where,  
as far as the eye can see,  
there are no trees,  
no shade,  
both understanding too well  
that what once was theirs,  
so rare, so venerated,  
will never be theirs again.