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[Living alone is lonely]

Yes,
living alone is lonely, but loneliness
itself's not hard to accept.
I found I could adapt,
not only practically
but in myself, more easily
than I could ever suppose
to my empty house.

I miss... not so much
a companion as such
but my companion (all the years,
the experience, shared)
and now, piercingly, you.
And no-one else will ever (I know) do.

And since I cannot have
you with me in yourself, the presence of
our shared love
keeps me company.
And that is not but has to be
and so can be, so is, enough.