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### **Antonym of Love (Switzerland, 1998)**

'What is the word opposite to love?' philosophers always ask  
Finding the answer seems easy, but is very difficult task  
Some students thought, 'Prasad is a linguist, let's ask him!'  
After all, it should be very easy for him to find an antonym

I thought of and pondered over the word hate  
But it's a step before love, often called the first gate  
Hatred and love are two sides of the same coin  
Sometimes, these emotions separate, sometimes they join  
Hatred and love are two shades of the same colour  
Without hatred, love may become slight duller

When you love somebody, you think of that person as rare  
About his (/her) movements, you want to be constantly aware  
Thoughts about that person, don't leave your mind ever  
When doing something for him (/her), you suddenly become clever  
We can't call hatred, the word opposite to love almost often  
As, even when you hate someone, all these things do happen

Anger can be a word fit enough, for a while, I thought  
But discarded since you are angry when you care, otherwise not  
But that suddenly gave me an idea bright  
And the antonym came within my sight

When you love somebody, your care for him (/her) is great  
So, from the antonym, care should be missing straight  
"What happens to him (/her), I don't care", you should be able to say,  
"It doesn't matter, it makes no difference to me either way!"

In a flash, I found the word that 'Doesn't care!' at once  
That word-the opposite of love- is INDIFFERENCE!

-Prasad Sovani