Before on Stone

Before,

On hard stone, with symbols, they had conversations.

They only used symbols,

But they all understood.

And they would carve all day,

Just to say a few words.

And then they would respond with more symbols,

Sometimes taking a long time to answer back.

Before,

On dingy paper, with ink, they wrote sentences.

Words developed like babies in the womb,

And had conversations.

They would write for hours,

Only having one shot at getting the words right.

Then they would deliver it,

And wait for a response.

The response would take a few hours to write,

And a few days to deliver.

Before,

On white paper, with pencils, they wrote paragraphs.

They used long sentences,

And wrote letters.

They would write for many minutes,

Erasing any mistakes.

They would mail it,

And await the reply.

By tomorrow the response letter is there.

Now,

On glowing screens, with touch screen letters, we write e-mails,

We use intelligent words,

And send emails.

We write for a few minutes,

Having Spell Check correct our mistakes.

We click send,

And the e-mail is off like a racehorse.

Within minutes, we get a reply.