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Timed Writing Assignment Short Response: "It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all"

Is it better to be heart-broken, or to own an aching, longing, desiring heart? This type of statement can't be looked at as offering two options—two very distinct options—one of which is more positive or more desirable than the other. In the end, never-having-experienced-love and having-experienced-only-ephemeral-love are both quite undesirable circumstances. Does it matter which of these experiences a person would *rather* engage in? No, it doesn't.