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THE APPARITION

Your eyes move
as wolves complain
near starving
some distance
from here.
Irreproachably stoic,
I look at you.
The air is cold.
Orion rises.
River phantom
noise in woods
unseen. Tired
thoughts circulate,
circumambulate the mind,
like wolves,
hungry, patient.
You once said
that you lived
at the bottom
of an empty glass.
Now, I can see
what you meant
as the glass
of you surrounds me.
From the bottom
I watch the sky.
Orion rises. Your
eyes move. My heart
cannot stop the soft pain.
The wolves complain
of hunger.