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By MAUD E. USCHOLD

Inscrutably this bodiless desire
points through reason
a trail
vivid and unfollowable as lightning.

How unfathomable
this affinity of intangibles,
this unrelenting constancy
of flesh to mind.

Here is no conformity,
save the conformity that barbed ripples
widening on water,
widening to oblivion,
potentially retain.

Hail and Farewell

By MAUD E. USCHOLD

A gate swung idly open on whistling hinges,
Flapped shut and swung again,
As wind whined bleakly at the alley edges,
Nuzzling the new-born rain.

To its mother's breast, a whimpering new-born baby
Pressed its small hungry mouth,
Not knowing she'd flown farther than far-off wedges
Of wild geese winging south.