**Wait**

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Wait, for now.  
Distrust everything if you have to.  
But trust the hours. Haven’t they  
carried you everywhere, up to now?  
Personal events will become interesting again.  
Hair will become interesting.  
Pain will become interesting.  
Buds that open out of season will become interesting.  
Second-hand gloves will become lovely again;  
their memories are what give them  
the need for other hands. The desolation  
of lovers is the same: that enormous emptiness  
carved out of such tiny beings as we are  
asks to be filled; the need  
for the new love *is* faithfulness to the old.

Wait.  
Don’t go too early.  
You’re tired. But everyone’s tired.  
But no one is tired enough.  
Only wait a little and listen:  
music of hair,  
music of pain,  
music of looms weaving our loves again.  
Be there to hear it, it will be the only time,  
most of all to hear the flute of your whole existence,  
rehearsed by the sorrows, play itself into total exhaustion.