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## LINDENWOOD

Even if nothing happens  
it happens.

It is the Earthly Paradise  
yes around me  
but I won't admit it  
for fear saying so  
would vanish it.

Everything is a cloud  
endlessly changing.

Everything is a sky.

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Don't be reasonable  
be right.

The way children are  
obedient to whatever  
comes to thinking  
in them, no doubt  
no anxiety  
but to do. Right  
that way and no  
other way to be.

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## **PILGRIM**

Hurrying somewhere  
you meet it  
hurrying to meet you.

This is pilgrimage. This  
is the way  
desire makes things be,

desire is geography  
itself, the shadows  
of it are rocks,

rivers, orchards, crows.

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All this ink  
and so much to write  
but to get it down  
I'd have to move  
faster than the sun.

O for the authority  
to say it once  
and have it done.

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What an arrow remembers  
of the bow that let it go

what a bow remembers  
of the hands that tortured it

stretching its sinew  
until it screamed its arrow loose

and slept again.

Pour medicine on the knife

to heal the wound.

All the body is remembering.

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The harp breaks  
the fingers.  
Soft sounds  
slice the mind.  
The fierce trumpet  
eases.

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## **SONATA**

Waiting for the next movement  
every sound becomes music.

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But if you waited  
something would be there.

It would pretend  
at first to be the air.

You'd breathe it in  
easy as a tree.

Wait, what kind?  
Never mind, a tree

is easy, the mind  
is easy, what you

are waiting for  
will never come

in any other shape.  
It is here already

all around you,  
your breath its road.

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Why are they waiting for me  
and who are they?

All these animals in eyeglasses  
celebrating out loud

the failure of all human  
relationships. Late night TV.

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Every poem ever written  
is too long and too short at once.  
You know what I mean.  
It would take another lifetime  
to explain it.  
May the confusion itself  
utterly enlighten us!

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