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For Chou, Pang-ling

Upon leave-taking, December 28, 1988

Your strangely beautiful teapots:
small indestructible vessels,
animals with antlers
made of iron, tin, steel,
serene and living creatures
blood-red in the fire,
emptied of all being—
for that brief, still moment—
when vibrant sun glows
over far hills and you pass
into night, a creature warm
as tea water
poured onto graceful leaves.

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