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## There Are Two Ways To Go Home

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**THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO GO HOME**

Under this wind that turns and turns  
You can place your palm  
Like a moon  
Against her side and spread  
Her wingfeathers over your wrist,  
Your shoulder, your eye  
Which never opened anyway,  
And sleep the troubled  
Birdsleep two days  
Before the Southern haul.

Or you can wait for that light  
Which is fear's own accomplice  
Blinking through its gang of daybreaks  
And know that rising is silly business,  
That having a name does not alarm the wild,  
That the clocks with their average singing  
Have no special love for you  
And know what the goose,  
Having seen a flash in the far down grasses,  
Must have known.