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I had no delusions frogs  
were more than frogs.  
Standing in the green light  
they gave, how beautiful,  
their subarctic pads. I knew

they held back  
one word, and know  
we die one word too soon.  
One sound waves into another.  
I don't know where it ends though

I believe in Ohio, two lives move  
close to what they hear.  
What one thinks, the other sighs  
how one frog will dive and not come up.

Watching where they've gone,  
I brush the water after them.  
Here is the one who believed  
he was no better than this dreams,  
and dreamed of tugboats, the man  
on deck staring in the water  
where the water moves on the other side,  
the face imagined, the face inside.

Here he is again. The one who became  
what he loved, and loved so far beyond himself  
there were no words to contain it,  
how simple, the tympanic membrane.