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## Behind Us

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## BEHIND US

We celebrate on into supper  
toasting some lust for excess  
beyond what we say.

Behind us at the concert  
three people say *It's not  
on the program; he's deviating.*  
He adds another prelude  
to the long program.

The way the notes he plays  
gather under the hands  
and lift them from the keys:

I want one passion  
to grow my life around.  
The pianist leaps from the bench  
reckless and sweating.

Our applause celebrates  
something else, an hour perhaps  
here and there that falls  
out of place  
into the excess  
that belongs to it.