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AT CANA

One by one we awoke  
out of wine, an ordinary  
absence we were prepared  
to live through  
when he took from his hand  
a glass  
something like the truth:  
it appeared to be empty  
when he took from his eyes  
a thin film of oil  
and anointed the rim continuously  
until we heard music  
filling air like fragrance  
of sweet wine.

Then he took the still-beating  
heart of a life that had been  
recently joined and broke it  
into syllables.

And our cups were filled.  
Afraid to speak, we drank  
until we were thirsty again.  
We were given another set of  
tears: even then,  
we were not aware  
our lives were becoming  
a parable, alive:  
we loved best how he failed  
to show how it might be done  
in the future.