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*Train*

The sound is haunting,  
lonesome,  
even when it isn't  
steam. We need the night  
train's aching song,  
still, to coax us from  
the stillness  
of sleep, to help us  
recall the people  
we left at lights-out,  
and who left us.  
We need this moving  
and unseen train  
to sound our isolation—  
those who go,  
and those left behind,  
waving  
in either direction.

*Gary Thompson*