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## Time=X, Mind=Y

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I can't sleep a baby

cries somewhere the kitten curious squeezes  
into a narrow  
invisible  
slot

of the apartment I hear the

fish go *ping* in its bowl and a wasp bangs  
gingerly against  
the window

a stealthy feeling stalks

me through daydreams until I am  
scared and  
then I am

okay

The clock  
does my thinking

for me

when it asks, *how is it that I got this  
moment*

*at your ear*

Consciousness is a layer

of dust on the wing of an  
airplane

and so  
when the present moment opens

into a new moment, that's  
when I remember

Amelia Earhart

and the dream of becoming birdlike and then  
I imagine her

flight over  
the flat desert floor

across a blasted ceiling of blue

and fire

and blue