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## Northwest Wind

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So, this is how it ends  
I'm not tired, because it was once and it's never twice the same  
I won't hang around to say goodbye to everyone  
I knew no one when I came  
To say that I will be thought of, well, that I will pretend  
And I'll think of you when the snow comes  
With that Northwest Wind

Seems like a hundred embraces  
Flying, driving, or hitching the road  
Brought me here these many years, to lie with you  
And I could take my boots off on your rug  
By the door that I came in  
To love you just like, and just as hard  
As that Northwest Wind

It rattled our poor windows  
Battered down on our peeling walls  
Threw the Lake clear on the shoreline  
Into the Jack Pine, the Birch, and all  
Tumbled stones down on the beach, into pieces smooth and thin  
Into dusky jewels by the water and the waves  
From the Northwest Wind

The weather, my handmaiden  
My companion, I never was alone  
My friends all drank too much wine  
And talked of the world and their own  
And locked their arms out on the street  
When they left with days to spend  
Leaving me with my dreams  
Of the Northwest Wind

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I came from Buffalo  
Where they make hot steel from stone  
I followed the trail of the Iron Ore  
To a place red-raw to the bone  
Funny how it seems so important now  
As precious as my own skin  
That I have made up my mind to leave it all behind  
For the Northwest Wind

As I look out the window  
I see a boat and it's waiting out the storm  
I wish I could do the same with you  
As I button up my coat  
But letters bring me far-away messages  
From carpenters and kings  
And I fear I'll never rest easy  
Until I see you again  
But this is how it ends  
With the Northwest Wind