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Devotion

If God should read,
or rather, if You do,

what should I leave behind
to say perpetually to Him—

I mean, to You?

What kind of prayer
beyond my time of being?

What else but one
that asks forgiveness

for perpetually forgetting
He was—

rather, You were—there?

Are everywhere,
and surely reading

both now as I've composed
and once my eyes have closed

beyond all seeing.