

Sweet Darkness

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When your eyes are tired
the world is tired also.
When your vision has gone,
5 no part of the world can find you.
Time to go into the dark
where the night has eyes
to recognize its own.
There you can be sure
10 you are not beyond love.
The dark will be your home
tonight.
The night will give you a horizon
further than you can see.
15 You must learn one thing.
The world was made to be free in.
Give up all the other worlds
except the one to which you belong.
Sometimes it takes darkness and the sweet
20 confinement of your aloneness
to learn
anything or anyone
that does not bring you alive
is too small for you.