

Leaving the Rivertown

We used to stand there you and I.
At break when the world came to rest
Everybody in one place.
We stood there balancing
For we believed the winds to be
Driven by something deeper than
Cause and effect and cause again.
With all our might we could swear
To see something wilder than
what they promised us
Rippling at the surface.
They called us a disgrace
To Nature and we knew from where
Such pressures arrived. They met
Us like old friends together with them
And us forever apart from them.
Those were the ships
That we had set off to sail
There and back and there again.
But then you decided
From the eye's harvest
I saw you make
A choice unforgivable
From where I stand
An act of terrible violence
Against a long string
That we made
That I planned
You for me
I for you
Then
Now
Forevermore