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## To Away

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### To Away

All leaving things come  
to you though they must leave  
in order to reach you  
the yellow squat house on the corner  
came to you  
during the tornado  
the white wicker rocker  
and the old man with the grey eyes  
they say he went  
to your locked rooms too  
dry snow fog  
all appear in the vanishing point  
of your arms  
the wind  
and breath  
when it has its way  
shadows and mountain streams  
last fall’s leaves and dandelion seeds  
left socks and memory  
kneel at your altar  
I’ve looked for you  
for years always on the disappearing trail  
of something that found you  
first

*Trish Lindsey Jagers*