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Elegy

Distance.

To be cold in California

To freeze in a land of orange groves

To watch the wind

Stir the branches

Of the cypress tree outside your door

To suddenly remember

A hill, a childhood, cold

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