

3 Poems

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Jeffrey's Cave, Cy Gavin, 2015

When I See

When I see the sadness of my child
I am reminded of the sadness of
My parents when I was a child and when
The current heats the circuit from my heart

Up to my eyes and then I hear the gulls
And taste the sea I am reminded of
The sadness that is mine all on my own
That led me to eternal joy and peace



The Jack Pine, Tom Thomson, 1916-17

Autumn

In this the autumn of our days as sleep
Exhausts us more and more and fields that fade
Away in light that shines within our hearts

Throughout the endless night that is our day

As days and nights draw in among us we

Become more like as one together now

The silhouettes of trees against the mists

Are faces of the ones we love nearby

The cars and trucks roll on throughout the night

Remembering that not all sleep like us

The hands turn on and on around the clock

In imitation of the spheres so high

As blessed ones in contemplation see

The sight that satisfies eternally



Reunion of Odysseus and Telemachus, Henri-Lucien Doucet

Odysseus

O thou who calls me back to thee I will
Return upon the calling of the wood
At twilight on a summer's eve and in
The drear light of dawn that breaks into

The comfort of a winter's home at morn
In light and dark it is your love that calls
Me back again from distant wandering
Just like the cuckoo calling back the spring

When love himself is with me, what more do
I need, in pouring rain in city streets
Or summer lanes? But when he leaves me, or
I him, I am need of everything.

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