

Moving On

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You perhaps have grown tired of me
and do not respond to my anxious calls
nor to my frantic messages.
You look the other way when
we cross each other's tracks by default
hoping that I shall crumble
into a heap of ignoble dust
to be blown away to nothingness
or I would dissolve my heart bit by bit
in the salinity of my caustic tears.

But I assure you
I too would forget you and ignore you
fraction by fraction
and soon your name would be wiped
off my conscience like
the writings on the sands on the beach
licked clean by one sweep
of an indignant wave
and then I would spread my wings

once again to fly off to
another far off land and roost on
another tree.

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