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the voice of my voice is coded,
so now it is a beginning instead of an end,
after years of being an end, a means to an end –
sometimes the end came sooner than one like i thought –
but this too was still an ending and a code and not a beginning
or a bough or branch early in the day or even earlier in the a.m.
or morning –

night leans on night as it always did and always shall –
night is at once somewhere everywhere on the globe –
and i have to face it – the earth that is – the earth really is a globe –
a very limited place – all i would have to do is to be somewhere out
there instead of here in order to constantly say and see so –

night needs my help no longer –
i am not sure if the night ever needed my help –
whether it needs yours is not for me to say –

the boat says i am moored i am not moored –
i am a boat and also a swab of mooring which has taken exodus –
i said that even though i did not know what i was saying

when i was an early eighteen –
tonight i say it once more time