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## WHAT ONE DAY TELLS THE NEXT

Before sleep I tidy up, wash dishes, invite  
tomorrow's breakfast in, set up a little shrine  
to cocoa and coffee and oatmeal, while upstairs  
sleep awaits, where dreams spirit me through  
the mansion of my many years, ransack  
hidden closets, resurrect so many dead—surprising  
how lively, and so well—mix scenes so vivid  
you'd never guess they're from school yards  
where I haven't skinned a knee in fifty years.

I am hapless there, unsurprised by talking dogs,  
weightless and then unable to stay aloft, telepathic  
yet tongue-tied—and, worst of all, without memory,  
waking with no recall, only able to walk downstairs  
and see the signs I set up for myself the night before,  
the pots and dry dishes that say nothing has changed,  
my appliances still heat and cool and toast  
and peel, just as they did before I sailed away  
on my epic pilgrimage of sleep.

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