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### **Ordained**

I have seen you  
dancing in the rain  
Quivering, kissing,  
catching the train  
of palpable pleasure  
and holding the helm of  
the undiminishable grain  
of joy, and exclaim  
in unrestrained mirth  
the joyful sounds of birth.

And now you wait in a quiet  
restraint

The arrival of days  
not quite strange  
for they had visited earlier.  
With a fierce calm of a warrior  
you face the uncouth carrier  
of a greyish dark visage  
holding a message of gloom  
to descend in a blind passage

and yet to retain  
in your silent veins  
the sanctity of the grain  
for you are the one  
to be ordained  
in the cult of life  
that remains  
mysterious to the blind  
and transparent  
to the one  
Awake.