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## When Things Remembered

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*when  
things*

# remembered

feeling stretched out of memories  
some faded and longing  
from the past,  
like yellowed photographs  
in some attic trunk  
under pillows, and behind old lamps  
hidden away for safety, nostalgia  
to keep things clear, that have gone  
the trunk, the box, the crate,  
the memories precious  
open easily and freely  
at the slightest touch  
a word, a song, a color, a smell  
a voice, a joke, a shoulder, a film  
and the emptiness is pushed away  
when things remembered are free.