Two Ghost Poems
After Poems by W.S. Merwin

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Ghost of "Beyond Question"

what was it
that kent said
when lear woke
wondering where he was
the world felt old
soft clouded
unedged as heaven

as the authority
fanned back
filling in
the royal body
he saw they saw him
for what he was

he looked up
at all that morality
the pupil of dead animals
filled all his daughters' eyes
as he foresaw
his last breath
the word never never never

his fool would be hanged
gloucester was blind
edgar was too late
everyone he ever loved
was above him now
his lost daughter beside him

kent said   in your kingdom sir

Ghost of "Youth"

all through this
already old life

without knowing
what words

or how to look
or how to call out

you appeared
in a way i somehow

imagined
it's impossible i know

impossible but
i knew you

were the arrow
of new life

and only when
i began to think

of losing you
did i recognize

your memory and mine
could hold off

the distance
for a while

i already miss you
you taught me to look up

you showed me
stars

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