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Closing the Book

After the painful blue of yesterday's bright November sky we are pinned down

today by the heavy weight of nothing but clouds, light as hopeful prayers, heavy

as prayers unheard. We are brought down to where we simply are, although we deny it,

not the world rolling inside its sensuous atmosphere but the bottom of the sky

while above us something accumulates, accumulates, though lovers may savor

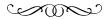
such coziness, love not able to see farther than we live, our backyards the world,

the world beyond impossible to think. So it is today as it was when some

medieval philosopher shut his book, surrendered the attempt at thought and sat

back, settling in his chair, surrounded by that other weather, narrowed, and human.

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