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Abstract

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It is better even to run;
To board a train from the cracked brick platform,
To close the night out and watch station lights
Flicker roughly across the sleeping passengers.

It is better to run from this endless woman,
But it is late summer,
With days of brown grass, dusty flowers, and aluminum skies,
And you never, never can.