

## Departure

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The horror of departure,  
The chemical disarmament,  
No presence is permanent.  
But people leave traces,  
When they leave these places,  
And I have come to depend on  
Certain of your faces,

And I can't do it anymore.

The spirit of abandon,  
Where the spirit is abandoned,  
And the body thinks itself to soar.

But people leave traces

A spiritual departure,  
Your disintegrating stature,  
And well you might be scared to look  
Over your shoulder,  
Watch her crumble into sand,  
The last woman the last man,  
Swim the sea and walk the land  
To leave and leave and leave and leave

People leave traces  
When they leave these places,  
And I have come to depend on  
Certain of your faces,  
But I can't do that anymore.

When will I see you again