

My Colleague Retires

Startled, concerned, I met with a man
Guided by no conscious plan;
Following an inner stream,
Foretold by a dream,
And letting go.

An inner current flowed, he told,
To once abandoned pursuits;
He felt refreshed, bold
This stream
A nascent dynamo.

He had embarked,
Cut his moorings,
Once those stirrings, insistent,
Sparked
And they took hold.

He drifted, serene
No, propelled himself
With vigor, into that stream
Not knowing where it led;
Only that it was time to go.

Frightened first, to know
Then grateful to him
For this glance within, and
For saying, too,
I could let go...

Without giving up.

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