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**i do not know about God**

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i do not know about God,  
i cannot say "you" to Him as  
One I address directly.

such providential  
realism is not mine.

liturgy, though,  
has its own rhythm.  
familiar service,  
words soothe the soul.

suddenly, meaning strikes home,  
pierces the heart!

let the pattern of words then,  
known, loved, carry us and,  
if we are lucky,  
every now and then  
focus in a different way,  
sharp, impelling, shock.

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