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### THE NEWS IN ISTAMBUL

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Watching the news in Istanbul  
I understand nothing;  
But the weather forecast  
is easier.

Temperatures and winds in different towns,  
Names from all the centuries,  
From all the human layers,  
Of which the Turks are top.

Mostly, if I know them,  
It is in their old forms:  
Sinope and Trebizond and Ephesus,  
Kars and Van and Erzerum.  
Greece on the west,  
Armenia on the east.

And Constantimople straddling  
the two continents.

But it is Istanbul now.