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Ageing into Spring

As the sense goes out
hope is tamped down
the end comes clearing into focus

I ask unhappily what
it is all about what
it adds up to

I know as soon as I have
asked it is not
my business

it is thick and vulgar
to expect answers
it is sentimental

but the feelings of loss
of disappointment
of doubt

circle like bats
crying at the edge of attention
stupid misshapen

and I still believe
in secret
love is there and the point

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