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POETRY/FICTION

PRAYER

for Cicely

May all that which my life raised up—
these works, these loves—
hold firm a time beyond my passing.
May they nourish other lives
as others nourished mine,
give scope for new beginnings.

And in the end,
when the music of my life
fades in the earth like an echo,
may all those who held me
in their words or arms
let me pass
  into them,
    through them,
and fall back among the living.

—*Robert A. Neimeyer*

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