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you've yet to see, that those things which impassion and move and quench are not about you? You're leaving, child, to search for them? Move on then, old man, and linger not even to write, for you are cursed of ever-moving, never-moving life.

A Dream of Spain

Up early, out of a dream of tall perplexing women. Warm on the Terrace, with sun staining the clumsy town. Spanish, in children's voices, and olive trees and sea fasten the day down and tell me where I am.

A cock crows my alarm.

Turkeys cluck in the rubble.

The children, drowsed and warm, trail to the breakfast table, to grapes and figs in season.

The dream dies down, and I wonder in the sun what to make of the morning.

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