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She is here and she stands firmly

You think: silently once she fell  
but she waits for you around the corner  
Like trout in the Vrbas  
like the Vrbas in its gorge  
like that gorge in the mountain  
Bosnia—always in her Bosnian ways

Even today we need  
her Bogomil beliefs  
her Ku'ran  
her Pater Noster  
her King Tvrtko  
and some commander  
always ready  
to make trouble

You look across the sea  
and you look down the wind:  
you leave her and then  
all your life you hear  
Bosnia is calling you

You can never turn your back to her

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