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Awakening

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To Milorad Pejić

I get out of bed -
the first step into a new day
and the body is flooded with sorrow
the very moment it touches the ground,
it shakes and whimpers like a plane
touching down on a sunny winter afternoon,
when kissed by its own shadow.

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