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A Prayer on the Road

Antun Branko Šimić

Lord,
who brought me to this moment
unseen
guide me farther still to my final wish

Do not leave me,
tired and alone in the middle of the road
my cheeks are pale
and my thoughts dangle helplessly like my arms

Lord
Let the new blue morning
Lift up my tired thoughts
Let a surge of fresh red blood pass through my pale hands

Be
over my head my guiding star.

Translated by Keith Doubt

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