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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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