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Where are you now? Who lies beneath your spell tonight?  
Whom else from rapture's road will you expel tonight?

Those "Fabrics of Cashmere —" "to make Me beautiful —"  
"Trinket" — to gem — "Me to adorn — How tell" — tonight?

I beg for haven: Prisons, let open your gates —  
A refugee from Belief seeks a cell tonight.

God's vintage loneliness has turned to vinegar —  
All the archangels — their wings frozen — fell tonight.

*Lord, cried out the idols, Don't let us be broken;  
Only we can convert the infidel tonight.*

Mughul ceilings, let your mirrored convexities  
multiply me at once under your spell tonight.

He's freed some fire from ice in pity for Heaven.  
He's left open — for God — the doors of Hell tonight.

In the heart's veined temple, all statues have been smashed.  
No priest in saffron's left to toll its knell tonight.

God, limit these punishments, there's still Judgment Day —  
I'm a mere sinner, I'm no infidel tonight.

Executioners near the woman at the window.  
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The hunt is over, and I hear the Call to Prayer  
fade into that of the wounded gazelle tonight.

My rivals for your love—you've invited them all?  
This is mere insult, this is no farewell tonight.

And I, Shahid, only am escaped to tell thee—  
God sobs in my arms. Call me Ishmael tonight.

THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A POST OFFICE

The Small World

The poem, *Strangeness*, by W. S. Merwin's translation of Uchiyama's poem.

Imagine the quiet of a chair  
In a room. One of those quiet rooms, the quietest, the quietest,  
The quietest of the Arab world. The quietest of the Arab world.  
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THE COUNTRY STORE REPORT OFFICE

11/1/1952

The report throughout the year is W. E. Murray's resignation at Olay Hill, which is  
gone.

Manager: The report is finished.

John Zehner, Chief of Sales, reports several days. To establish a record for the  
future of the store's success. The store is now in a state of transition. The  
old and new ownership is combined. The day is marked by the sale and  
the purchase of goods and space.

It is noted that the store is now in a state of transition. The store is now in a  
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