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We don't realize they're nearby, but they are:
they might be waiting
in the darkness of coffee grounds
we stare at in the numb morning,
between the yellowed pages of magazines,
hiding on the key ring to a house we used to own,
or in the closet beneath the lost sock
that no longer dreams of dancing.

They're always just outside the door
like a car we didn't know we owned, willing to take us
to a destination that can't be found on any map.
We drive to a landscape of dreams
that seems to be dreaming us:
a meadow dotted with the yellow flowers of stars,
wings of a thousand birds swimming across
the blue pool of the sky,
while, on the horizon, the eye of the
sun opens steadily,
like the first word we're about to write.