

FOR ANEAS MURPHY

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*Possibly seen in Port Authority,
getting off a bus.*

The one in the overcoat shrugged
as he turned the wire to fasten the tag.

The attendants barely able to close
their sleepy hands around the stretcher poles

lifted you in and rode with the radio on.

Later there was coffee and a table
in an unlit corner of the cafeteria.

Each went his own way home thinking surely no one
will claim that much solitude

for his own.