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the victims, will somehow survive. The sun touches along and goes away, and while the stars come out the sky waits and wherever they look it is now and there is still time.

4.
I am time. When you look up from this page I will be waiting to go with you to the end of the story.

DREAMS TO HAVE

1.
They film a woman falling from a bridge but the camera stops, and she stays in the air. I remember that place the rest of my life: it is going on while events wait for their cues.

2.
Time jerks its way forward and you are a long-waiting part, ready, ready, walking our town. I round your corner and my eyes come true.

3.
At a gallery every picture has us in it: a frame back of the frame pulls us, and I turn with an awkward lope, heading outward. But that urge takes me ever toward the center, which moves.

4.
A person mixing colors bends low when we walk there. "Why are you so intent on that bottle you are stirring?" And then I know: in that little bottle he has the sky.

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