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1. What is it? Is it something sought by everyone?
Suddenly it splits me in two.
2. I feel free to walk anywhere,
at least for now. I stride over the distant past.
3. Some time ago, in a silence stronger
than soy beans popping in the pan.
4. Hope? Waiting for footsteps?
Perhaps to become a Heian court lady
5. surrounded by a screen of illusions
waiting for some prince?
6. Or is it the prayer of a wife in war-time,
anxious for her man in the field?
7. Don't say it rises like a spinning wheel
without hitting all the rungs.
8. Is it resolution? The blazing blue flame
of mothers secretly resisting the patriarchs?
9. But I can't get by on that alone.
Why not simply break out?
10. I only have to get the rhythm down
to fly through the day to day.
11. Like a pilot, like an astronaut
I too am in a capsule.