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After the first love the last love
After the wet trees the black square

After the last love the first love
Again but better like fresh grapes
Lately he walks around and thinks—

After the iris the beauty
Of the leaves the stalk without blue

How in the world have I come to

This desire to be alone or
With one other at most with one
Other after piling myself

On the crowd? He walks around and

He thinks—after the romances
The sadness turning into birds

And then returning into trees