

The Dark Gray Morning

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The dark gray morning has its eye on you.
Forget about the stormy afternoon:
you have more pressing worries. What to do?
The dark gray morning has its eye on you
and will not look away. Last night you knew,
as you lay down, it would be over soon.
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