

## Transport to Bellevue

They heard her moaning,  
phoned one night,  
an intern on ambulance call  
sent to take her to Bellevue.

Tentatively he touched her,  
body ancient carved wood,  
not seeing nor hearing,  
arms petrified by her side,

moved her past rows of silent sarcophagi  
gathered from places of disillusion,  
apartments of abandonment—  
bed after bed.

Dawn approached. Sallow light  
seeped in through barred windows,  
filled the ward as they departed,  
yet in deep recesses, a darkness lingered.

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