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The language of farther is the discipline of self. Where I went, winter

could hardly stay still. The same streets drove the mud-edge. The views wouldn't focus.

In the kitchen we were given to argot the flux

of our fleshiest quotes. After all the to do lists, this was good

conversation. Hanging off the porch with its sense

of renewal. I kept wanting to invite someone to help me

keep track of the pastoral. That tenderness

was terrifying, the view for the famished: the same and unfamiliar.