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**What is she to you?**

“A long hair I pull from my coat,  
let fall and disappear  
like lint. And you?”

“Yes, a hair; but in the pulling  
my coat unravels,  
and is soon a pile of string.  
I am left naked and cold.”

I enter the room silent-  
enter to weave a hair into my coat;  
to weave it in, to tie the ends  
deep within warm cloth.

**Peter Porteous**