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HAPPINESS

To fill your eyes
there are rose saplings
and branches of a lemon tree.

The stone houses
you once hated
rise higher and higher
wet with rain.

Thinking is not enough.

O happy is a man
who opens a window
in the morning!

Amman, 24/3/1997

translated by Khaled Mattawa