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*Map for Leaving*

I was over you yesterday.  
I could tell by the river.  
Were you by it? The pilot  
was one of those who tells  
what you're passing,  
so I practiced—sky clear  
the whole way. Spotted  
Mt. Rainier, the Mississippi. I wished  
I had an atlas with me: lakes  
everywhere but no way to tell  
which was which or how to say  
their names. I'm sure I saw it,  
that river you tell me about. What's  
it called again? I used to know, but now  
I couldn't tell you.