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For Linda E.

For I have loved Linda —
felt the fertile flaring
mystery rise inside,
a joy in my joy feeling
joy in her eyes.

Flower bed of embers,
of woman promise, lush
licorice of warmth,
my center blossoms truth
to stamen for her wherever
she may be. She speaks
to the me I trust my living
to.

Delicate balance together
in flights and in landings,
my breaths in her breaths
embracing fact in hope in fact,
we have dancing our magic instants,
birds in flight over newmade snow
our landings light as puffballs
slipping in on sunlight kissing
down to ground again.

I have loved Linda
just so:
fire in embers, birds in snow,
one flame flaring, birds stepping
into one into another
out of open air.

Just so—
impossible—
but just so.

Buck Hosman, retired professor of American literature, published a book of poems as well as wrote hundreds of his own unpublished poems, translated from Spanish into English a novel, *Pension*, and a book of poems, *Poesia en la tierra* (for which he won a prize). In the last years of his life, he was working on a book on William Faulkner's *Light in August*.