

## La Dispute

### "A Departure"

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Night fell on me writing this and I ran out of paper so I  
crossed the name  
Out at the top of the page. Not sure why I'm even  
writing this. But I guess  
It feels right. It sort of feels like I have to—like an  
exorcism. I  
Guess that makes me sound crazy but that's alright.  
Lately I feel like I  
Might be, not that I've heard any voices or anything.  
Just like that  
Everyday kind, where you forget things you shouldn't  
and you think too much  
About death. Maybe you know what I'm talking  
about. Or maybe you  
Would have known? Or had known? Is it once  
knew? I don't know what  
Tense to use. I know I never used to feel like  
this. I used to never  
Think of death or hear voices. I used to feel like  
everything was perfectly  
In order, a normal life, but I guess then came a  
departure.

That I know you understand (or would've understood?).  
I guess things  
Changed after that, and I'm mostly scared now.

But it's there in the stories, or whatever they are. You  
can see it.  
Anybody could if they could look. I wrote some notes in  
the margins  
Explaining it. The rest is in between lines or in the fine  
Print. First,  
The feeling of abandonment, and then trying to cope.  
Then death and hope  
And the thing itself, waiting for me. It's all there in the  
pages ahead of  
Here. It's there waiting for you.  
Or for me. I'm not sure.

The whole story.

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