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## I Was Just Getting Started When

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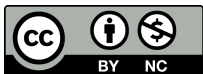
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**I was just getting started when**

invading interruptions  
made murkily oblique the surface of  
interior directions shouted out in hopes of attaining some  
kind of final clarity—the only worthwhile recompense for this  
our salvationless strut  
through life  
perhaps we are nothing more than interruptions  
themselves  
which can't decide who should  
or shouldn't  
be used to denote our comely  
hopes and made-up reflections  
logic swallows its own tail because  
it cannot  
stand to leave the skin of proper grammar  
writhing in the dust  
I was just getting started when I noticed you there  
laughing with the rest  
of myself  
who couldn't pass the should or shouldn't test