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When a Great Dragon Dies

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When a great dragon dies
the earth does not go quiet.
The great voice
he could not silence
reverberates from high mountains
and insists on its vibration.

When a great dragon dies
the earth does not grow dark.
The crystal dreams
he chose never to deny
gleam on great waters
and shine into the universe.

When a great dragon dies
the earth does not grow cold.
The fiery vision that birthed
his fierceness flames out
across the sky and
sets the frozen air on fire.

Earth becomes too small for dragons.
Clutching greatness, they must flee its bounds.
But we are still here.
Let us not mourn too long his going.
Let us mourn only those moments
of distraction or fear
that prevent us
from following his unerring flight into
the realm of dragons.



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