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*Leave the familiar for a while.  
Let your senses and bodies stretch out*

*Like a welcomed season  
Onto the meadows and shores and hills.*

*Open up to the Roof.  
Make a new water-mark on your excitement  
And love.*

*Like a blooming night flower,  
Bestow your vital fragrance of happiness  
And giving  
Upon our intimate assembly.*

*Change rooms in your mind for a day.*

*All the hemispheres in existence  
Lie beside an equator  
In your heart.*

*Greet Yourself  
In your thousand other forms  
As you mount the hidden tide and travel  
Back home.*

*All the hemispheres in heaven  
Are sitting around a fire  
Chatting*

*While stitching themselves together*

*Into the Great Circle inside of  
You.*

~ Hafiz, Persian poet & mystic

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