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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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