

Intercession

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When I wake in the night and think
of what I might have said in class that day,
I wonder why my life consists

of inarticulate occasions.

No timely word, only belated ones.

Every hour a first draft, and then another.

It makes me want to announce, "Listen!
Listen to what I do not say. Listen
to what it is you cannot say yourselves."

There are sighs and groans,

just sighs and groans.

Interpret them, dear ones, as you may.