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—*for Rilke*

by

R. L. Boyer

At the heart of everything that moves lies a great stillness;
your silence rises from it like a storm. You are waiting
for me, there in your deep solitude—too near for
me to see you, but I can hear you breathing when

I breathe. Your body moves slowly through your
silences like the stalking of a great beast. Your stride is
great, but it won't be hard to track you. Wherever you
step, great souls form, like water in your footprints—

like deep lakes, from the passing of glaciers.



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