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by Carol Hamilton

You are right. I'm a bit short
to be the creator of whole universes.
But remember Napoleon.
And I promise I'm not idly boasting.
Just this morning
dawn did not happen,
and now look! It is already day!
And all because I was busy
attending to some past streets,
labyrinths, and I did not have my compass,
my bread crumbs, my rope of salvation.
In the end I rubbed myself invisible
there, posited myself
near the lighted numbers
which froze at midnight
to the touch of some storm
which, I would swear under oath,
never happened.

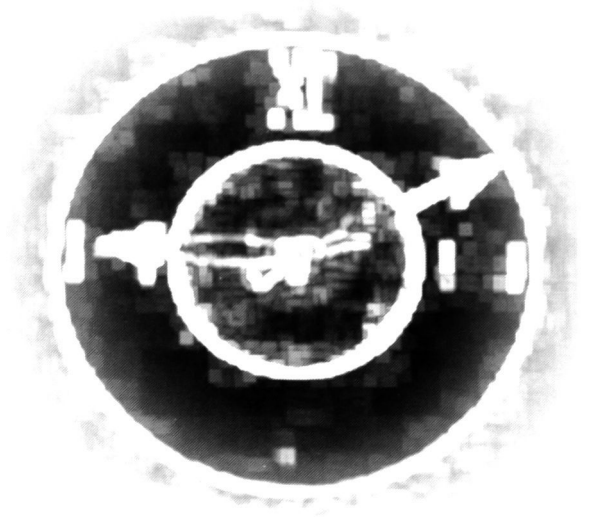


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