

POETRY

## As Far As You Know

A. F. Moritz

When you last saw me I was waiting  
and now that you will never see me again  
for all you know I still am. The time  
it turned out was the last time I was sitting  
staring across the top edge of the book  
into something just above and past  
the poem you couldn't see there on the page  
between us. Or I was walking—many times  
you saw me walking and I can't know  
if once when you glimpsed me far away  
in the park, too far away to hail me,  
and you thought you'd tell me later,  
it would be fun to laugh over, that almost  
meeting in one of the places that are ours  
was the last time. Maybe I was lying  
suspiciously tired, my eyes to the ceiling.  
When you last saw me I was waiting  
like you for us to meet. And now  
I still am, as far as you know.

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