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“Persistence of Memory”  
(A painting by Salvador Dali)

looking over myself  
past the everyday bustle  
staring into the horizon  
a transient sea  
seething with...  
unknown to me the turmoil in the distance  
time only an idea  
liquid and motionless  
a tree that once was  
dead and very real  
the bleak brown  
stretches on  
to where  
a futile attempt  
on the horizon  
to reach heaven  
could be a mountain  
could be a mound  
life  
the illusion seen only by those who want to  
am i as real as that mountain  
or am i as real as that mound  
the tree seems to know  
it is silent  
where do i go from here  
does it matter  
i define myself by the bustle  
not knowing what else to do