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"Persistence of Memory"
(A painting by Salvador Dali)

looking over myself
past the everyday hustle
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
despair
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