

Reveille

By **Ronald Webster**

Wide awake at two thirty-five a.m.
I am into Thomas Merton's
No Man Is an Island
content to be reading his sentences
on being and on doing, listening
to the music of his seeing
into himself, not clinging
to the sparrows we have not
made, not clinging to the trees
we have not climbed,
but staying where we are,
this hour, eyes wide open
to our poverty, receiving the riches
of graces we once missed.



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