

Two Poems

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Versions

i

Leaving Gethsemani
is rarely a safe thing to do,
for you never know when you might return
as planned, or maybe never.
Gone forever. It's a gamble, at best.

ii

Longing to leave Gethsemani
be careful what you wish for
if your name is Thomas –
longing to leave Gethsemani
even for a short while.

A Little Gethsemani Night Music (a minute poem)

And so the wild wind
blows its jazz throughout the night.
Was that you singing?

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