SEVEN QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE JOURNEY

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Why are we leaving in such unreadiness?
–Your name was last.
Is it too late to call? Is there still time to confess?
–The moment’s passed.
If the weather is stormy, should we go nonetheless?
–None forecast.
Where are our dogs and our horses? Can you guess?
How will we know when we reach our new address?
–Heed the blast.
How do we look in our fine new leaving-dress?
–Alone. Aghast.
Where are we going, so light and riderless?