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Visit

It's only a visit.
Somebody wants you to stay,
and you stay,
as in a story that continues wherever you are.
Of course there's a lot it doesn't say.
A room in a home,
you stay in the same room
in order to save space,
sharing the space
with another person.
Sometimes you're attached to what you don't care about.
And as far as forecasts go,
even the past is a surprise.
Of course, people often stop on the way,
I mean practically every stop is on the way,
I'm not saying you don't have to be careful,
not at all,
there are some tender
parts, dampness between the legs, the lap is a catch basin,
meaning it's easy to capsize,
is this a good
time? Not moving in,
it's not a reservation in the sense of an appointment arranged
in advance or reluctance to move any further.
Not staying too long or not long enough, as if what's ahead
is only the shadow
of what's behind you.
It doesn't mean you've changed.
When you turn around
it takes time to turn around,
the distance is where you put
what you don't want to deal with right now.
It's only a visit.