THE BOUNDLESS HORIZON

Spring again, and with it comes the longing For well loved friends and home. My eyes are searching, My ears pricked, for the messenger who brings Some news, good news, for me.

Each dawn I wake To the first chorus of the birds and ask My heart why it won't rest, even for a second.

Strange destiny, that I should always face
Huge mountains wreathed in mist, each rearing higher
Than did the last: never will I accept
That I should be so far from seeing hope
And my soul's nest; though sentenced for my life,
Convicted as a scapegoat, blamed because
I've fought injustice every day I breathed,
Because I said, because I dared to say
That the doves will never leave the roofs, while blood
Still soaks the soil . . . . .

There is no remedy
Except I melt like wax, and in my hands,

Remake myself or tear at my dried roots
And cast them from the gardens of my heart
So there might blossom, in their stead, the trees
Which will embower my friends with rest and pleasure.

✓ Behold the sun, behold the boundless horizon.

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