

Byron Beynon

Walking Through

The old, empty rooms
have something to say.
They remember being dimly
aware that the villages and fields
surrounding them have changed,
and the windows have witnessed
scenes of snowstorms
coming in from the east.
The time-tied lyric,
images translated during
the silence of a winter's morning.
They'd sing for you
if they could,
all the melodies of a crystal minute.
They are left
with the historic dust of past
lives caught dancing
in the brittle sunlight.

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