

Robert K. Johnson

WHAT I WILL MISS

are not those rare vacation moments
when I gaze at famous scenic sites,
but the rows of ordinary days

when I stop for the red lights overhead
on my town's main street that winter skies
render shadowless, and where store windows

display a beckoning array
of merchandise, or "For Rent" signs,
and strictly-business men stride by

and mothers tug misbehaving kids
while loud teenagers stroll along
as if they had all the time in the world.

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