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On Learning Of My Ex-Husband's Death

Regrets are as useless
as wings on a turtle
as boots on an angel
as tits on a boar hog
as Paul would have said.
He loved the Grand Tetons
of Wyoming too.

There's that river
you can't step into again
it feels just as cold
and you shiver
but it's not the same.

I shake off regrets
and gloom and doom
like a wet dog throws water
all over the room
never mind whose clothing gets damp
and yet
there's a fondness to regret
as we say one more goodbye.

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