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# On The Passing Of A Jet Plane During A String Quartet

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ON THE PASSING OF A JET PLANE  
DURING A STRING QUARTET

Listening, until we  
take as reality  
the music being played  
and by that music made  
reflective order, dumb,  
we hear the aircraft come  
and go on, leaving sound  
turning in air around.

The noise turns in the mind  
long past hearing, refined  
to echo's echo, the  
essential certainty  
of violence, and in  
its shadow what had been  
order has become small,  
withdrawn beyond recall.