Today

Before yesterday and tomorrow
became anything at all,
before past and future
became formidable and frightening,
today was all.

Think of Adam and Eve
suddenly there in the garden,
no past, no understanding of
tomorrow and future,
how could they have expected disaster,
ever having known history?

Alas, doomed couple.

We, however, live with early recognition
of
the ever-present weight of today!

The trick is
understanding what is interpreted as time.
It twists us up, we have to decipher
the tangle even as it impedes us,
even as we forget and spend
too much of ourselves in old dust,
or dream excessively about fantasies-to-be,

today lingers without us,
we lose it.

And it was all we had.

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