

# Midnight Office

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The child is not dead.  
She is sleeping.

Gone from this world  
Which is broken.

The angel of Michael  
Outside the garden  
His circle of fire  
Maddening around the tree.

He put the word  
Back into her:  
A heavy kind of music.

Then she was free.  
As we all are.

All night I stood in the icy wind,  
Praying for the storm to destroy me.

But the wind blew through me  
Like I was a hologram.

If you say I am a mystic,  
Then fine: I'm a mystic.

The trees are not trees, anyway.

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