

# Arrivals and Departures

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I am grateful for all the arrivals  
at campgrounds in mountains  
retreats and desert revivals  
landings in marshes and lowlands  
casinos, theaters, and even dirty dins  
where I learned the distance yet ahead.

To see me now I look settled  
yet my father's son is always on the run  
riding the winds  
confessing sins  
finding sages in pages  
searching decades  
for worthy crusades  
seeking fellow travelers  
steeped in joy  
upon encountering  
beautiful souls.

All the miles searched, and books read,  
all the places and races fled  
led to the simple truth  
the answer was right here all the time  
deeper found pausing inside  
the vaulted skies  
of the divine.

*Author's Note: Written upon finishing The Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton.*

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