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Once you are finished reading this poem, you must never read it again.
So read it thoroughly,
go over every line, just this once.
But if you see it in a book,
avert your eyes, flip the page,
do anything but read this. You only get one chance with these words.
Scroll down quickly past it when you see it on a web site.
No, don't even let someone read it to you,
just plug your ears,
hum loudly, drown them out.
It could be the best poem you've ever read,
but not now
and not tomorrow,
but maybe one day.
If you give it time and let it sink into the folds of your memory,
you might begin to miss it.
The bottom is close now,
and your time with it is nearly up.
So please never read this again. For me.