

## Certain Applause

here's one  
one from a heart  
aroused by the melody  
of the dead,  
the heart has tried to put back  
the music where it belongs  
in and around its origins,  
it's as if the harmony attempted  
to leave the instruments for good  
but returned years later  
in a plain brown envelope  
to the piano keys.

the other night a friend, his wife  
and children came over,  
while they were here  
they lifted much more  
than one from a heart  
fine-tuned for hearing  
like certain applause.

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