

EMPTY WALLET

Taking a train to Philadelphia
Swaying back and forth on the tracks of memory
I proclaim to myself
The indestructible vajra nature.
When we were together
Trying to please each other
We came up empty-handed.
When we were together
Trying to test each other
We came up hungry.
Ambassador's row is filled with discursive thoughts.
Dharmadhatu is a peaceful cloud
Resting on a hurricane sea.
Bringing coffee to me in the morning
Is useful because of Kathy.
Bringing an empty wallet to the train station
Doesn't buy a ticket.
Since we can't sell dharma,
We can't profit by our knowledge.
If the Regent's hair is coarse
Due to Washington's climate,
Then the shampoo of devotion
Is the best conditioner.
Well meaning as you are
There's still a smell from the basement.
If you believe that enlightenment is a thing,
How will you ever attain it?
Thank you for your hospitality.
I don't remember you
Do you remember me?

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