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A Good Dream Should Be Kept in Mind

What if I've forgotten the dream / what if
I was awakened hurriedly / what if the forgetting
is what I keep in mind / what if it's the fretting?

There was an ocean / there was a metallic
wave / there was alarm of no speech /
symphony of echoes / assault of wind.

Is this the dream I must keep in mind:
blank radiance of a faceless embrace?
I have had too many coffees / too many

dreamless nights / far too many
stuporous mornings trying to rouse
myself into some entrancement

of the believable good.