

## **Paz is Passing By by B.Z. Niditch**

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Paz is passing by  
his voice remembers  
when city streets  
would welcome words  
of civility  
your thoughts  
a repast of taste  
with the intimate  
reprimanded recurrences  
and sentences  
of your stranded past  
you speak and sing to me  
over names that slept  
a thousand days  
in rose blossoming  
over deserts  
of thirst of watering holes  
from Mexico's sounds  
ascending in the dawn  
even now  
his gated shadows are here  
enough reported  
and said by your cortege.

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