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He took me in the wind of his spirit
into the valley of the shadow
filled with death, the skeleton of a dreadful army.
Not a spirit, not a breath
of wind stirs the lifeless dust,
parched beyond Elijah's three years' drought.
And I am speechless, breathless as these corpses.

Son of Adam, son of earth!
Son of the first corpse.
Shall the breathless breathe?
Et dixi: Domine Deus, tu nosti.

Deus dixit.

A sound, an earthquake, going before the LORD
precursor to speech.
Bone on bone.
Sinew, flesh, skin—soulless, without spirit.
A place for breath! For prophecy.

Shall the breathless breathe?
Et dixi: Domine Deus, tu nosti.

Prophecy, son of Adam! Prophecy!
“Hear the word of the LORD.”

Come from the four winds—
breath, spirit!
Breathe on these lifeless corpses.
Recreate, breathe into the man of dust.
Veni, Sancte Spiritus!