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You Write and Let Me Cry

George Karavolos

You write and let me cry—  
    let me cry  
just write down the reasons  
so they don't think the tears are unjustified

Write about closed windows  
that remain unsightly

Write about the iron door  
that once swung open to receive  
good mornings

Write about the noble woman who left  
without seeing the good times knock  
on the door of gratitude

Write about the noble man who  
built palaces with steadfast sacrifice  
for ignorant and envious heirs

Write about time lost, unlearned lessons  
the full moons I ignored—  
the moons that were hidden to me behind the clouds

Write about the memories of good days  
that went unnoticed, lost to time and melancholy

You write, and let me cry

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*Philae Island*  
*Boatman, Egypt*  
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