THIS LINE MEANS NOTHING

 $after\ Tadeusz\ Dabrowski$

This line means nothing

until you read it and then it's already three lines

back and means something different than it did

when you read it first

and now it's become something we're changing

together because you aren't exactly the same

person you were when you read it first and I

am not even here—

but then again, you might say, how many poems

about death ever end with anything other

than an absent author, than a question mark?

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