

## Losing Concentration

You might — while listening to the deep-voiced lecturer —  
drift off course — a cross-current catching you — look up  
to see the tenor of the talk like a small boat — on which you had been  
safely settled — yards away.

And the swimming back — clambering back on board — heart  
thumping a little. Not from exertion but from  
the almost getting lost in a solitude of your own. Something — what  
was it? — gone missing en route.

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