

# Clock Speed

If you take the time one evening  
to simply sit and watch  
while darkness overcomes the sky  
you will notice, surely,  
just as I did some hours ago  
how imperceptible this process is  
from moment  
    to moment.

Wake early enough the next morning,  
as I did this morning,  
to see the daylight return  
and discover another transformation  
which takes place  
    at the same pace.

If your computer ran this slowly  
you would throw it away,  
    purchase another.

And yet it is at this pace  
that all the plants and animals—  
all that is except for human beings—  
know how to live  
    their lives.

It doesn't occur to any of them  
to throw the earth away,  
purchase a different planet,  
with a faster  
    clock speed.

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