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Night Glimpse

An image fluttered just
now, beyond the corner
of my eye: A butter-

fly? A torn frond
of palm tossing in
the wind? A bright coin

no luck is spent with?
Slightly bent, then
gone, a cosmic ray

maybe, or like a thought
when I am drifting
at the end of day

and loss like light
vaguely interferes with
my private darkness,

it marks the limit
of rest, a breath of
what's out there, not

nothing, surely, but
consummate as air
or infinite beauty,

a small death early I'd
best not care for.