



## **Seven Questions about the Journey**

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Why are we leaving in such unreadiness?

- *Your name was last.*

Is it too late to call? Is there still time to confess?

- *The moment's passed.*

If the weather is stormy, should we go nonetheless?

- *None forecast.*

Where are our dogs and our horses? Can you guess?

- *Slain. Shot. Gassed.*

How will we know when we reach our new address?

- *Heed the blast.*

How do we look in our fine new leaving-dress?

- *Alone. Aghast.*

Where are we going, so light and riderless?

- *Nowhere. Fast*

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