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of

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“A Promise Kept: The Mystical Reach Through Loss”

Interdisciplinary Studies

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Abstract

Loss is a series of leaving what we know, in the work of what it takes to keep going toward what we do not know. A personal account and thinking through of the ineffable nature of loss, this work offers both an affective description and a thought process in what it takes to leave the ordinary and keep going, with an extraordinary commitment, in the mystical reach through loss. Although loss offers gains in new knowledge, in this transformative inquiry and reach, I am first-and-foremost committed to being unified with all that is in the realization of a promise kept.