The Clean Edge of Change

Carrie Newcomer

First there is the folding in To gather light and dark to you The journey down so far that it

Has nowhere else to go but throughI thought if I tried hard enough

With endless motion like a bribe

As if by this the will of God

Could be bent to my version of rightWhat happens next is nearly weightless

The opening where we stand breathless

On the clean edge of changeShe cannot live beneath my wings

No more with he see seventy

How many mornings did I wake

And wished that it be you I'd seeWhat happens next is nearly weightless

The opening where we stand breathless

On the clean edge of changeAnd who am I, who makes this sound

Who rode the shadow all the way down

To the clean edge of changeIn the clear space of knowing that there's

As many names for dark as for light

I am choosing mostly now to speak

The ones that get me through the nightBut always, with humility

With a worn out but a grateful heart

Having sang so recently

Full-throated In the darkWhat happens next is nearly weightless

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