

From an Airplane

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Versts by the hundred, miles
by hundreds, hundreds
Of dim kilometers beneath our track:
 Reaches of salt marsh, feather
 grass that billowed;
 Beyond, the somber cedar
groves showed black. As though, for the first time I saw my country.
 And, with a pang of recognition, knew:
 It is all mineâ€”and nothing can divide us,
 It is my soul, It is my body, too.

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