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A Patio

So with afternoon
the two or three colours of the patio grew weary.
The great friendliness of the full moon
no longer inspires the usual firmament.
Today the sky is sharp and will tell
of an augury announcing the death of an angel.
Patio, directed sky and dome.
The patio is the window
through which God watches souls.
The patio is the slope
on which heavens scatter on home.
Serene
eternity waits at the crossroads of stars.
How beautiful to live in humble friendship
with eaves, a porch and a well.

Jorge Luis Borges