

AFTER THE EXECUTION

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To my wife.

Sometimes I'll visit you when you are sleeping
as unexpected and forgotten guest,
do not allow my sorrow to deepen
and close the door without fastening.

I'll enter calmly, full of vague desire,
without touching any object here,
and, being satiated to admire,
I will embrace you and shall disappear.

(Translated from Bulgarian by Stefan K. Robev)