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for Chin-Lin

At times, how easily distance blurs
memory: Re-reading my old poems
I find their words now barely able to stir
a tremor in the loosened heart. Yet
every now and then a tendril of almost-
forgotten grief breaks through
into consciousness and chokes its way
up day to day experience like a persistent morning
glory whose bell-shaped flowers twist impossibly sunward.