

Waking in the Dark on October 21st: Eight Days Before Switching Back to Eastern Standard Time

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Deep in the crevices
where floor meets wall, and wall meets
ceiling, the darkness clings like dust
and belies the luminous blue numbers
on the clock beside the bed.

In another week, we'll put the time back
in its natural spot.
Once again the night
will fall away from this part of the world
while we sleep,
so that when we wake,
the sun will be waiting.

Darkness this late brings thoughts of winter,
harsh winds,
and a hardened earth.
And so this morning holds a surprise.

The warmth in the breeze at the window,
like the first time you meet an old love
after everything went wrong,
and, expecting rebuke,
are given the sweetest kiss.