

# *In the New Guinea Highlands*

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I can't get over the belief  
that the simplest people always know more;

the ones who don't look at their watches,  
who already have the time;

I'm always searching out the proof  
and they're the living proof;

I wonder what the thunder means,  
what shape is all about

while butterflies float over their right shoulders  
and light makes sculpture of their faces;

I'm thinking, faith . . . what's that,  
while they're busily tearing down my temples.