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Beautiful Lesson of the I

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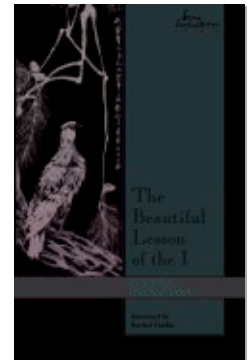
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MEMORY IS THE TREASURE HOUSE OF ALL
THINGS

I have a miniature, silver shovel to push the apples—*words*—across
the plate.

Commotion floats safely beyond the small portions.

Plaster cakes are carried by diminutive figures with turbans
and silk robes who unwrap the tumbling papers, paintings

or handwriting interrupted by stars and geese. Sometimes

I let my eyes wander across the four landscapes,

borrowed ideas about emptiness, balance, longing, passing time.

Familiar feelings encumber me while I concentrate.

