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## Neck of the World

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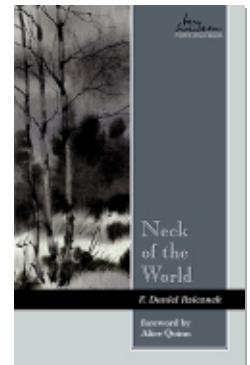
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## ASTRAL

Between silence and wooden  
clap of door, there exist  
various routes: you drive off  
toward sleep and Orion hesitates  
past my roof—its drip  
a speech, and speech the train  
two blocks east, shriller  
than before: a newborn arrow  
of air that billows, increases  
to familial, moans calm into fields  
as space around the town lifts  
like a monk ever at dying.

This whole living we've been  
within the arms and legs. The level,  
fixed light of our pores  
whitens, shifts under. The body:  
the outside minting allergies—  
the inner snowing, and so old.