

Astonishment

A companion of the Prophet said:
“Whenever the Messenger recited revelation to us,
he would demand complete attentiveness.”
It’s as if a bird had perched on your head,
and your soul wants it to stay.
You don’t cough, you hardly breathe,
and if someone else starts talking,
you put your finger to your lips: *shhhhh*.
Astonishment is the bird that silences you.
It puts a lid on your kettle
so that you boil.

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Better dead than dying

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