

Bayfield

Do you live here, they ask, a longing for fulfillment
in their anxious eyes.

I mean year-round, in the winter too
with all it's snow?

Do you see the lake each day
in the creamy moonlight as well?

Do you walk the length of Rittenhouse,
Manypenny, Washington and Rice,
Avenues with names from
the storied long ago?

What's it like day in and day out
to live by this lake

To know the morning's promise
to feel its cold even on a summer's day?

What's it like to live in a place
you love with your whole heart

To watch your children frolic in the shallows
building castles in this cool, pure air?

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