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A mystery novel

by Dick Davis

Alone and diffident
You enter what is there:
The world that does not care
For your predicament,

For mysteries of who
You must become, or what
Your place is in the plot
To which you have no clue.

Turn pages; suffer time:
And, look, you are the thread
Unraveling from the dead;
The clue; the plot; the crime.

Dick Davis's book of poems, *A Trick of Sunlight*, will be published by Swallow/Ohio in 2006.

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