

## Blessing for Waking

This blessing could pound on your door in the middle of the night.

This blessing could bang on your window, could tap dance in your hall,  
could set a dog loose in your room.

It could hire a brass band to play outside your house.

But what this blessing really wants is not merely your waking but your company.

This blessing wants to sit alongside you and keep vigil with you.  
This blessing wishes to wait with you.

And so, though it is capable of causing a cacophony that could raise the dead,

This blessing will simply lean toward you and sing quietly In your ear a song to lull you  
not into sleep but into waking.

It will tell you stories that hold you breathless till the end.

It will ask you questions you never considered  
and have you tell it what you saw in your dreaming.

This blessing will do all within its power to entice you into awareness.

Because it wants to be there, to bear witness,  
to look in your eyes on the day when your vigil is complete  
and all your waiting has come to its joyous end.

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