

# DO NOT ACCEPT

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Do not accept these rains that come too late.  
Better to linger. Make your pain  
An image of the desert. Say it's said  
And do not look to the west. Refuse

To surrender. Try this year too  
To live alone in the long summer,  
Eat your drying bread, refrain  
From tears. And do not learn from

Experience. Take as an example my youth,  
My return late at night, what has been written  
In the rain of yesteryear. It makes no difference

Now. See your events as my events.  
Everything will be as before: Abraham will again  
Be Abram. Sarah will be Sarai.

