

# Resilience, Renewal, and Resurrection

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*Let your absence be the latest shape  
of your being felt forever,  
surest friend, your unspeakable departure  
inaugurates a whole art of survival....*

*(Rilke, from The Complete French Poems)*

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## Windows And Gravestones

בְּחַיֵּי הַרְבֵּה חַלּוֹנוֹת  
וְהַרְבֵּה קְבָרִים.  
In my life are many windows  
and many graves.

לְפַעֲמִים הֵם מְתַחַלְפִים  
בְּתַפְקִידֵיהֶם :  
אִז חַלּוֹן נִסְגָּר לְתָמִיד,  
אִז דֶּרֶךְ הַמַּצְבָּה  
אֲנִי יָכוֹל לְרַאוֹת  
עַד רְחוֹק.  
Sometimes they exchange  
roles:  
then a window is closed forever,  
then by way of a gravestone  
I can see  
very far.

Yehuda Amichai, translated by Rabbi Steven Sager