

## THE TOUR GUIDE

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Retiring  
Tired of being there,  
just there,  
on their psychic excursions,  
tired of playing psychotherapist,  
minister, father, mother, brother,  
sister, encyclopedia arm rest,  
pole to lean on.  
My trip theirs,  
catching their fallings,  
their tears in an envelope  
I gave to them afterwards  
(Sealed with a bitter lick)  
From now on I take off alone.  
I killed the tour guide.