

In the Company of Cavafy

For D.H.

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To arrive is not the point
of travel according to Cavafy
and some of us never seem to want
to arrive. Whether by plane
or whatever to be on the move
as restless as the weather or the seasons
turning the next page or the next corner
always alone but also in the fellowship
of countless others whose journeys
before us show us the way. You too
are one of those ceaseless venturers
wherever you might be
your words your voice leading us
through loss through grief trusting your
compassionate guidance and further
into a world of brightening air
of everyday miracles
wealthy with all you've gained on the way
rich with the company of friends.

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