

# New Poetry from Gail Nielsen: “Something Like Nightfall”



BLACK LACE TREES / *image by Amalie  
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## **SOMETHING LIKE NIGHTFALL**

something, like night falls  
slow, as if  
nothing in the world has ever moved  
but distant hope descending, still ablaze  
days soften to wonder

what else leaves  
silhouettes these black lace trees

fades from me

it is you from my life  
steadily, quietly  
as celestial movement