

2. HOW TO SAY GOODBYE by Donna Zucker

How to say goodbye  
I knew it was at an end

Try and end well  
Wanting something to look forward to

Hoping, all too soon forgetting  
How well you have done  
How far you have come  
To have it all end all over again

And back you are  
From where you started

No farther ahead  
But alone again

Searching for a companion  
Someone to walk with

Self-isolation  
Self fulfilled prophecy

Finding friendship and reason in the woods

Where I should be  
Where I found a real home  
Where I don't want to leave  
Where I wreck as I do

For I am a middle, not a beginning or an end  
I hate new novels  
I begin halfway in  
Long for the comfort of the known

Wanting newness  
But someone to come along  
Not wanting to go  
Go alone

Not wanting to go  
Go alone

Got used to a knock on the door  
Then no need to knock at all

Wanting to stop by  
Sit on the chair

Open

I'm ruining it before it ruins me

Having to leave  
Nothing to hold onto

Don't want to go

Don't wreck it  
Don't forget  
Don't wreck what you had  
A perfect moment  
A perfect time

It was  
It was

So take it with you  
Accept it for what it is

A moment in time  
I don't want it to end

