

The Opening

I see it is two hours to cease fire
I am standing in the customary place
the opening of Abraham's tent --

Abraham, we remember him for chesed
compassion
we call him padre querido dear father
padre bendicho blessed father
he is like a light to us
Abraham sees only the good in everyone.

I see Abraham present with us always
we assume he is welcoming everyone into his tent.

Later generations may not share Abraham's welcoming vision --
we remember Abraham our father for his lovingkindness
his welcoming nature
padre querido padre bendicho
but K mentioned in passing (in the parking lot)
maybe there is no in no out to Abraham's tent
maybe just the opening
the betweenness
the place of passage --

where he stands
waiting
in the opening of his tent
like all passageways
room to move through
neither within or without
transitional always
opening in opening out.

Later I am thinking
From the opening of Abraham's tent
peace will
will not break out
less than two hours.

In the passageway
there's Abraham always
embodying lovingkindness
he sees only the good
he neither invites us in
invites us out

He says Open to me an opening the size of an eye of a needle
and I will open to you.

Waiting
waiting
for peace to break through --
one hour.

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post war peace #2