



*Morning Light*  
Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina  
Photo by Dan Hardison

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Rising to fading stars  
and a night that is surrendering  
to the quiet of the morning  
before the day fully wakes.

This is a time of day  
that only a select may know  
as nighttime is shuttered  
to morning light streaming in.

It's that time of day  
when dreams are still realized  
before the light of day  
can steal them away.

Nothing is ever the same  
after this time has passed  
when the first light of morning  
turns night into day.