I remember it very well
That day, when my journey began
in the middle of a firestorm, that consumed everything
that had gone before
in a certain place, where all was burning
So lonely that I could not see anything
Not even a single tree, to protect myself from this blazing sun.

My body did not protest against any of this
Though I had put him through terrible suffering
Yet he never let me down.
Because of this, even today I give him my thanks
for supporting me in that unforgettable time.

But all the while
my mind and my eyes worked together, in silence and in secret.
My mind dreamed of hope, and beautiful bright colors
Painting a picture before my eyes
vivid enough to power me onwards.

Then, suddenly
There was blue beyond the desert.
When I arrived at my destination, there was the ocean
with its lively breezes and the smell of peace.
And then I heard a beautiful voice that said,
‘Come, don’t be afraid!
I will protect you from everyone
I will take you to a heavenly place
where no one can abuse you, or torment you
with their demands.
Just step into this boat
Ride with me in this boat
and she will float you, to a safe harbour.’
But, at the moment when I looked
On all sides I saw the only blue sea.
I saw nothing
There was only silence
and you had disappeared.