

If a Hug Falls in the Woods

when you give a man in your dream
a long lingering hug

during which you want
to go all the way but instead

you try for once
to let him take the lead

so you say
you give a good hug

and you both smile softly
as you let go of each other

which is a small but real
disappointment to endure

if that happens
as it does in the vast black night

at some real loci in the ethers
of this grand universe

who is that other soul
you've just encountered

are they now feeling
the same gratitude

for the soft imprint left
by that loving gesture

