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Like a rite of life
I take a book in my hands.
In it the earth burns, scorched,
the syllables,
the verses,
the mythical horizon blinded by the sun.
El Cid rides, lost in words,
way of the poem and exile

- Jose Vernon Gormaz

All writers—all beings—are exiles as a matter of course. The certainty about living is that it is a succession of expulsions of whatever carries the life force...All writers are exiles wherever they live and their work is a lifelong journey towards the lost land...

- Janet Frame

Oft him anhaga are gebideð,
metudes miltse, þeah þe he modcearig

geond lagulade longe sceolde
hreran mid hondum hrimcealde sæ,
wadan wræclastas. Wyrð bið ful aræd!”

Often the solitary one experiences mercy for himself,
the mercy of the Measurer, although he, troubled in
spirit,
over the ocean must long
stir with his hands the rime-cold sea,
travel the paths of exile – Fate is inexorable.”

- “The Wanderer”

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