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Morning After We Rescue

Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor

I'm born to dog-walking
before coffee, the sound

of his eyes as I approach the stove.
I see another being walked

by the needs of another.
I introduce myself

as new to the rules:
how far to loosen leash,

how to read a human face
for invitation

or hurry.
This, I thought I knew.

The walker says she, like me, has also
newly relented. Eyes still blurry,

accommodating routines
the way the bearded iris

falls from too much shade.

Bionote:

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