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WIND of the morning, wind of the gloaming, wind of the night,  
What is it that you whisper to the moor  
All the day long and every day and year,  
Resting and whispering, rustling and whispering, hastening and  
whispering  
Around, across, beneath  
The tufts and hollows of the listening heath?

GROFFREY YOUNG, *Wind and Hill.*

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