

## **Separation**

By [W. S. Merwin](#)

Your absence has gone through me  
Like thread through a needle.  
Everything I do is stitched with its color.

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I actually found the poem in a book I just started reading, *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen. She uses the poem as an epigraph before the title page. I thought it was a fragment when I saw it that way, and looked it up to read “the rest of the poem”.