

Start Close In

Start close in,
don't take
the second step
or the third,
start with the first thing
close in,
the step
you don't want to take.

Start with the ground
you know,
the pale ground
beneath your feet,
your own way of
starting the
conversation.

Start with your
own questions,
give up on other
people's questions,
don't let them smother
something simple.

To find another's voice
follow your own voice,
wait until that voice
becomes a private ear
listening to another.

Start right now,
take a small step
you can call your own.
don't follow someone
else's heroics,
be humble and focused,
start close in,
don't mistake that other
for your own.

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