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## the windmill's lament—a short play

the windmill: O,

MUST i keep on going round in CIRCLES must i keep on going ROUND in circles must i keep on GOING till i *break*?

DO i have to keep repeating keep repeating keep repeating DO i have to, without ceasing, without *rest* or *break*?

i WISH that i could slow i wish that i could SLOW i wish that i could SLOW DOWN ... o ... i think i'm slowing down i think i'm going to ...

[exit stage right accompanied by the ineffectual whirring of defunct machinery]

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