

# What We Have Now

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Who was that human who first  
began to walk on two legs  
as he crossed golden  
African plains?

Had he known what he has done  
with the simple straightening of his back,  
with his proud erect posture  
deserving of the dignity of a king,  
would he have hidden in the tall grass again,  
and turned back into an animal?

My left leg is now on the dinner table,  
with a cup of water.

The news blares from somewhere  
in the house.

The rebellion in Syria goes on.

Within the house as the telephone rings  
what remains now are debts  
and useless things.

