

Asylum

from Ashraf Fayadh's *Instructions Within*

First section translated by Sultan Sooud al-Qassemi

Asylum: To stand at the end of a queue..

To be given a morsel of bread.

To stand!: Something your grandfather used to do.. Without knowing the reason why.

The Morsel?: You.

The homeland: A card to put in your wallet.

Money: Papers that carry images of Leaders.

The Photo: Your substitution pending your return.

And the Return: A mythological creature ... from your grandmother's tales.

End of the first lesson.