

# **RITO RAMÓN AROCHE**

**“STILL IN GRAZ?”  
SANATARIUM**

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## **“STILL IN GRAZ?”**

World moving backwards                      ways to collide.

It's my friend, he writes, “And I . . .”

After centuries or however long.

“Everywhere there's dust I see a name.”

He'll say: “A crack in the bottom.” Tells me

about names already distant. The gestures

under the dust. My friend – “Still in Graz?”

## SANATORIUM

Talked about a sudden aggravation of the lungs.

For a while longer: "The sun is still shining."

"If you don't take in more nourishment you'll just be a line on a gravestone."

"Here's what I've learned: not to change."

Things that no one had thought about accepting, laid out at the wrong time.