

Patriarch

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Once again, at the meeting we are juggling
the slights. The resident mouse obstructs

the residing we do in the meeting-house
so we go loose on the motion

to revert to what was. No, no, no
to our diminishing.

When we leave we'll turn off the lights
and the mouse, we fear, will gnaw the wires

to dismantle the switch
so we learn to turn into the future.

