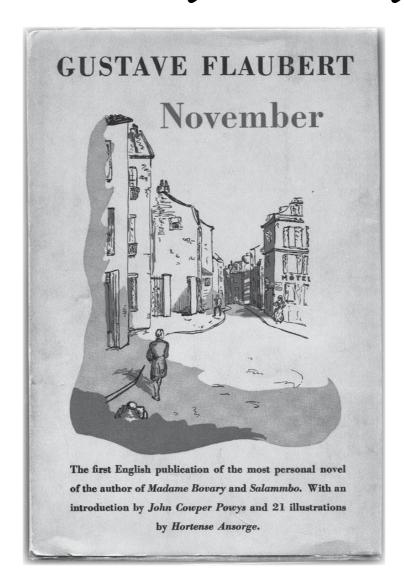
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## **Afterglow**

(In mem. Christopher Wilkinson)

I keep thinking your departure hasn't hit me yet, even as I'm searching for the right words to shape into a kind of elegy. I know they will only frame another lament for the lost. But so will I reclaim you, for sadness is a gravity we cannot escape and words may still rekindle a flame blown out.

This too I know: that while I search, your voice will sing in me (to lighten shadows yet to loom) a song of life well lived, well loved, a song of zest in the tussle with apathy or gloom, of all that's best in us and found in you a shining natural home: of fearlessness, of generosity, of the marvellous.

Anthony Head