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**Wendy**

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## Initiation of a Rookie

Trembling, he wipes his brow —  
"My God, the sweat."  
The voices from behind encourage;  
Loudly, lively, but go unheard.  
They know the feeling well.

"My arm is sore," but it isn't —  
"A poor excuse," yes, it is.  
He counts his fielders; veterans,  
Pawns of many matches.  
They know the feeling well.

His spit beads in the dust —  
"I never spat before!"  
Deformation professionnelle;  
Motiveless, expected, accepted.  
They know the feeling well.

THOMAS P. PROIETTI

## *Wendy*

as the Whining Wind  
Winds from  
Willow to Willow

as the Surging Sea  
Shifts from  
Shore to Shore

as the Pining Paramour  
Passes from  
Pillow to Pillow

so Wends Wendy

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