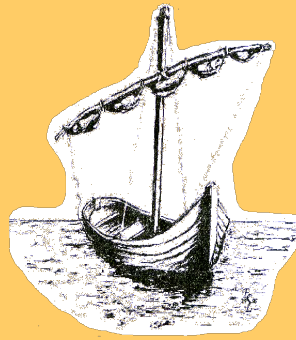


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What if this road, that has held no surprises  
these many years, decided not to go  
home after all; what if it could turn  
left or right with, no more ado  
than a kite-tail? What if its tarry skin  
were like a long, supple bolt of cloth,  
that is shaken and rolled out, and takes  
a new shape from the contours beneath?  
And if it chose to lay itself down  
in a new way, around a blind corner,  
across hills you must climb without knowing  
what's on the other side, who would not hanker  
to be going, at all risks? Who wants to know  
a story's end, or where a road will go?

*What If This Road*  
Sheenagh Pugh