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## Memorials

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USTAD ALLAHRAKHA KHAN, 1919-2000

Silence after music. How different from  
The pause before musicians start to play.  
But listening to nothing now feels wrong.  
Since you have died the silence has become  
Insistent, as if trying to convey  
A feeling too immense to hold for long.  
How infinite it seemed to hear the hum  
Of tambours, and to relish the delay  
Before your tabla entered and grew strong.  
Then you produced such music from your drum  
As no one ever heard. You knew the way  
To lead us to the center of a song.

by Stephen Lefebure