

Definitions of Moving

This morning, I think of the word *belongings*:
what can be moved, what is yours.

Fifty-one years of marriage, the various
moves from one state to another.
Thirty-five years in the same *house*:
a shelter or refuge.

We are moving across town,
careful after careful, and soon
the big truck will arrive,
and all will be *misplaced*:
temporarily lost.

We will sleep in a new bed—
a sleigh bed I always wanted.
I will dream of snow,
bells as I did as a child,
the wind, *blowing*:
to be or cause to be in motion.

I'll wake in a place where the elderly
have come to live. I'll pass by them
in the halls, in the elevators.
I'm now one of *them*: *referring to two or more
people or things*

A friend once said to me years ago,
in parting, May you *thrive*:
prosper; flourish.

— Gail Peck