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The bus turns down  
At the end of the road  
The lambs run to the edge  
Of the whitewashed fence,  
Hop straight up  
On the other side of the children  
Off to school, heavy-lidded,  
Caped in dreams.  
I think, stock still at the desk,  
About how to jump with a cape like that.

The yellow bus blinks red.  
The fresh faces nod to the lambs.  
They leap and shudder,  
Baa and butt, rub themselves  
Along the lines of wood.  
A boy reaches through the rails,  
Scratches an ear, lets a tongue  
Lick his hand.  
I shut my book, switch off the lamp,  
Ease out the window.

--Dr. Bruce Sweet