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## **NOTIONS OF EMPTINESS**

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In this cage of bone a stranger strikes the sky.  
A dress touches the floor. Everywhere the river.  
Everywhere the people are turning into trees.  
In this country mirrors dissolve like prayers, a pair of birds.  
Dusty roads without windows. Someone asks you for the light  
you haven't had in years. There is nothing left but water:  
the same rain, all this air. A stranger approaches.  
And when you open yourself: nothing.  
But when you're broken open:  
silence clearer than the human voice.