

## My Brother's Bed

To wake up remembering his empty bed  
is serene as touching the walls of a cave,  
is to believe you can keep that Friday in mind  
and heft Galilee on your back.  
To hang up the night's smock  
and oil the lamp, to see through  
a blinding tear is to step outside of a day  
and allow whoever knocks on the front door  
to visit you in this stone room  
you call your life. This place  
that returns today and on a Friday ten years hence,  
occupied now by a ransomed brother  
who makes that room his windowed attic,  
his foyer of the sky.

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