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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