

# Empty

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Who would I be if I were empty?

a clear glass vase glittering the light  
an open window bare to breeze and scent

a newly built nest hollowed in down  
a white sheet of paper spread beneath the pen

a newborn's eyes slowly widening  
a freshly made bed, covers turned

a painted canoe tapping against the pier  
a field in black folds, newly churned

an empty stone tomb awash with morning sun,  
and the buried one within—gone missing.