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Two Poems

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Emptiness

There is emptiness, my uncle says,
in the house where he lives.
It grows in darkness, feeding on silence.
Dreams of strange places,
come home every night.
Not only the house, the room,
where he sleeps,
breathes loneliness.
The window looks to the field,
like a solitary monk.
And then the heart,
that carries a train of memories,
of those years, left behind.
It is there, right there,
where it pains the most.

Morning Drive

Driving in the quiet hours of the morning,
The mist on my window, untouched.
The air outside moistened by rain.
Vapours rising like a million unseen wings.
Houses appear like strangers,
At places where the road bends.
I open the window, the cold stings.
The air smells of wood-smoke.
The forest down the lane is quiet.
Absence between one car and the other,
Long and well defined.
Her face keeps returning like a force,
Filling me with urges and sadness.

Last year when she left,
The same longing filled my heart.
I remember how, little by little, I gathered myself.

I wait for the small moment
that happens in the passing
of people, places and things.

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