



## Duo—a Poem

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I wonder if there is another poem  
In between these lines & hidden,  
Only discovered when emotions awaken  
Like dormant grass.  
What dwells in empty spaces around  
these letters?  
Ignored fears or unsaid words.  
Forgotten memories and residue of  
tears.  
There are words I sequestered,  
Some reappear like rambunctious  
children,  
Words I use to create memories,  
Some slip into the night,  
Others wait to be salvaged,  
Words waiting to be claimed,  
Thoughts are so transient like cherry  
blossoms.

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