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**SLEEPLESS NOCTURNE**

My thoughts knock  
on blind windows,

on doors  
that never open.

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I walk in the driveway  
looking for footprints.

I mutter a drowsy lament.

I am kept awake  
by changes of the moon.

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So many sleepers  
toss and sigh!

They swallow pills  
against anger and bad dreams.

They work so hard,  
they try so hard,

grow old  
and rebuffed by the world  
quietly die.

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If I could hear  
the faintly beating

heart  
of the universe. . .

I hear nothing.

\*

My thoughts are waves  
searching for the moon.