

The Other Side

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On the other side of a block
is a world that lies in wait
to be gently prodded
out of a lull...

where the opiate brain
begins to dig for that
one fleeting memory –

diving into its repertoire
of pearls, unpolished gems
that shine only with Time
as their juror.

I wonder if I can ever
swim out of this wordless abyss,
painting a canvas with the
richest hues my imagination
has on display;

letters of the alphabet
strung like necklaces,
or, better still,
ready-to-be-worn poems
at an elitist party, where

each is a dilettante
trying to mask his
ignorance.

I pretend to write poetry,
and so do they.

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