

Where I Would Otherwise Be

By Eva Zimet

An emptied cardboard box
folds flat once I tear
off the old and brittle tape. Like that,
I take those over-crowding ancient lies,
rip through yellowed binding
holding out,
taking up space where life
and light would otherwise be and
Flatten them one by one.
The whole lot.
Now I can see.
Now I can breathe.

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