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Relative Humidity

You absorb those
fluid around you,
allow yourself to fill
with their despair.
You
are their tissue.
You wipe clean their agony;
their lives blend
like gin and tonic
into your permeable body
as you sop
up their sorrow.
Bibulous and blind,
you blot their damp eyes
until they walk away dry,
without even a squeeze,
leaving you saturated--
their poison soaked into
your pores.
It will never evaporate.

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