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**Alienation and Comfort**  
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**Third Place Poetry**

I used social skeletons,  
but I bled.  
Shadow and transparent,  
I reflected instead.

Now searching faces scorn me;  
I know I'm alone.  
But the beast is missing;  
the trap has been thrown.

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