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There is a vacant home  
Sitting in the garage.  
A well-loved pillow,  
Permanently indented by years of furry weight.  
Still preserved amidst a sea of clutter,  
A memory too painful to donate to the shelter,  
As there would be a hole in the house.  
Years of opening,  
closing,  
coming in,  
going out  
Left the door creaky with age.  
Once on dad's "to fix" list,  
It is now irrelevant.

**Gillian Fletcher**