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Carter: The Never Home

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This nice place is your never home Of course, you are welcome inside only for a spell of seeds grown till there's a ladder for your time

Then all of us or you alone
Will soon march out these old, hinged doors
Parade the change with heavy loads
Or water the weeds you grieved for

You could sing of the Never Home When it still stands with brand new seeds Or you could cough up bloody bones Supposed to be sweet memories

You could just let go of the knob You know you won't turn it again Unless your heart begins to throb For something you've forgotten

You could think of the squared outline With neat triangle roofs on top The doors' rectangles and hinged spines Tape on the sliding screens fell off

With your old room's loving gazes You could sleep in it one last time The next mourning filled with praises While you wish for one last wind chime

The night is never long enough and neither are the years spent here A place you often bragged and bluffed "Never say never to my ear"

So it ends and so we stay here While you go on with just a phone And in the static you may hear The nice sounds of your Never Home