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Silence

A darkness closer than darkness of night—

If there is no longer a listener even among the stones when only one ear exists then the handset receives no phone signal

On the seashore beaten white foam the recorded cries of the sand seagull

Glass tile hits an iron crowbar splatters to the stars

House—who has forsaken companions— went up in smoke

Cup to which drunkenness corresponds mortal witch lily