

I Have Left You An Empty Room

by Joyce Odam

I have left you an empty room
filled with music
and the last scent of my leaving.

When you arrive
you will find the cold tea
waiting in two cups.

There will be two cushions
on the floor
and an ashtray for your cigarette.

One soft light will be burning
to protect you from the dark.

The cat will be curled asleep
as if there were no danger.

The window will bring
summer breezes in
to make a small comfort of fanning.

The second LP record
will be playing what our love
remembers.

There will be no note.
You can stay
as long as you wish.

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