“Absence vs Everything”
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In the absence of exterior light
Sunlight, moonlight, lightning bug, light bulb
What do U C?
How quick we R 2 say nothing
2 feel a perceived absence
2 think that everything might B gone
when nothing has moved
when everything still exists
when there is evidence 2 the contrary right behind our eyes

When I close mine
There exists an eclipse
Dark and demonized
But nothing has ever attacked me
No harm has ever befallen me there
Au contraire
It’s where I go 2 meditate
2 find peace beyond the perceived
2 reach and witness my dreams
subconscious thoughts and the play of aspirations
I never knew I had

When I close my eyes
from that darkness
colors emerge
shapes begin 2 form
Forms begin 2 move and
I C
I can C
N the black behind my eyes
without the sunlight, moonlight
Lightning bugs or light bulbs
I can C
Even when I am not sure of what I am Cing
I am clear that I am Cing something

Dependent on the light of the day
Dependent on the light of the bulb

I have been conditioned 2 ignore the luminescence N my soul
I have accepted absence N the absence
of that which is only outside of me
4 an absence of what is inside
& I have wrongly dreaded the black
when it was always the black
that held my everything
What provides sight N our dreams?
My black
The black
Our black
is full of matter
Black lives matter
My black matters
Black matter
Dark matter
The latter is fatter
& badder than any unflattering fluorescence
scattering the everything
U already held & were on the inside
Sliding down a ladder N2 sadder times
Based on an illusion that shall B shattered within these lines Splattered
N2 1000 pieces, 1000 times
Scattered across an infinite universe
2 return back 2 the black
it’s always been N the absence of nothing

My black is something
else
Full of everything
U’ve never accepted
U saw
So I challenge U
2 close your eyes
& look again

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