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The moon is up and shining tonight
Like a terrible clean pearl carving
A chaste round hole in the curve
Of night.

I am reminded it shone in a former time
On lovers, being their solace for each
Other's absence. Cold as an oyster
Tonight

It casts layer on layer of soft
White light that hardens in slicks
Of varnish curved to the dark of a bare
Winter

World. These are twin pearls
The moon and the earth, like two steel
Balls afloat in a paste of darkness
Thick

Around them as axle grease in a monstrous
Mechanical, cosmic oyster shell
Not to be opened even on Christmas.
See it

There. Cold hole, cold
Ball in the sky, circling like a terrible
Reflection of a lie in a lie around
And around

Us.