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EVIDENCE OF ABSENCE

There are two seasons: day and night. Both arrive like a man who knows he's too old to decide to live forever. If he is afraid, remind him how to get home.

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During wartime, only ghosts intuit better than dogs. A ghost goes out for milk and never comes home. An attempt to escape paralysis, stone under tanning moon. The frequency of natural disasters is a private algorithm. He does not always hear you through the radio.

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Immortal jellyfish are capable of returning to polyp stage after maturation, but rarely reach this phase due to predation. To the gods he has offered marrow, string, an antenna. The rules of captivity apply. His hands are the talismans in his hands. Even though he is kept alive, he will not look me in the eye.