## SPACE

Keeping to my room the cut in the thumb took on more interest than the thumb

the dark a clean success after the changing mask of his face

And my body *its* hypnotic ticking over and over,

wanting, not wanting, in all that hard-edged, squared-off, positive concrete, aluminum.

I let it go, all seven years and seven years.

I'm weightless, free unwritten space

How do they get from minute to minute here? Far off, low, a little stir begins, a word, a missed

beat, a listening: thisworld, this-world.

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