

Silence Personified

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I've gotten so used
to her silence
that every syllable
out of her mouth
jolts me anew.

Muscles tense,
neurons jump excitedly,
ears perk,
feet rooted to the floor
to keep me ever-ready
for each passing moment
lest I miss a single
drop of sound
pouring ever so silently
from her body language.