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I am the Thing

I am the thing that exists
In the periodic blanks
The shape that stares from the dark
The shadow on the edge of your mirror
That spirits away at the sound of light

I am the thing that exists
In the bottom of your pocket
Continually out of reach
To never be resurfaced
Or if so, to be when time sees it as trivial

I am the thing that exists
In the blinking of your eyes
I lie in that split second
Where the world goes slack
And importance flashes by

I am the thing that exists
Inside the long-forgotten channels of your television
A relic in time, forgotten and downtrodden
Something that makes you always click away
That you can't face without discomfort

I am the thing that exists
Everywhere
And in the edge of Eden
Under your be