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into the night the hospital sails
noisy as an aircraft

*

and just as miraculous

*

somewhere beyond
is a world bigger
than this shining needle point

*

but no window may be opened
lest the weight of everything
outside overwhelm

*

the inside of here
now is all the inside left of me

*

all open at the back
like a gown
and dragging drips and drains

*

slowly birds somewhere
somehow shift the night
with small beaks and wings

*

and women and men whose vocation it is
to teach others to say please and thank you

*

for tending to live flesh

*

my flesh is carried into the night
on wings that flicker and buzz

*

I am heavy as air
I am weighed down with feeling

*

sleepless as a monitor
I sail in this propitious aircraft
toward the other side of fear

*

where newness waits like a visitor.