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he glides through
the frame of the door
passing the clock,
the cabinet,
the wicker chair,
his children's faces
in frames,
the dog dozing
where his boots
used to rest
in disuse.

they are gone now,
along with the other
leftovers,
struck from the walls,
emptied from closets,
ousted from corners,
taken down from the attic.

he finds himself
in the bedroom,
where his wife
sleeps peacefully
on her side.
he sits upon the bed,
gently, and in silence
listens to her breathing.
each soft breath
is music to him.