

# Silence

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In the prayer room there is only  
the faint ticking of the heater  
cooling, the salt lamp's gentle  
glow reflected on the glass-topped  
table, shells resting in a quiet bowl  
while out the window trees stand  
hushed. Nothing moves. The ticking  
stops. The silence deepens, flows,  
embraces all but whispered pen on  
paper longing to capture what can't  
be caught.