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In front of that room, there is a big tree blocking the window. When dawn comes, a thousand birds arrive to chirp in that tree. The tree weeps like the swirling of a stream. Each leaf becomes a bird and shakes itself. To appease the one window, the tree drops all its leaves.

There is a man sleeping like the dead in that room. There is a man who piles up time in his body. He doesn't know that the tree came to stand in front of the window. He can't hear it weep. There is a man in the world—who tries to extinguish the fire in his chest but has turned utterly to ash. In that room, he is there, lying down.

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