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## GUARDIAN OF THE THRESHOLD

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Poetry is all about what comes in ...  
—Robert Kelly, “Poetry is Doors”

In the half-open light of the gallery  
When everyone else is asleep  
The hammock creaks rhythmically  
Like someone unknown is swinging  
In the dark: a jumbie, a tief

The silent enemy wanting  
To seep inside through door cracks  
Like smoke from the chulha  
Waiting to enter the kumbla  
Defile and never leave

So seal the door tightly  
Keep it from banging flapping  
Inviting the intruder  
Be the Guardian of the Threshold