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## Relative Humidity

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You absorb those  
fluid around you,  
allow yourself to fill  
with their despair.  
You  
are their tissue.  
You wipe clean their agony;  
their lives blend  
like gin and tonic  
into your permeable body  
as you sop  
up their sorrow.  
Bibulous and blind,  
you blot their damp eyes  
until they walk away dry,  
without even a squeeze,  
leaving you saturated--  
their poison soaked into  
your pores.  
It will never evaporate.

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