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FROSTY PANES AND MINTED GLASS,  
I CANNOT GO IN;  
I WAS NEVER ASKED.  
MY PRESENCE LEAVES THEM ILL AT EASE,  
ALTHOUGH I DID NOT CHOOSE IT  
I AM THE DISEASE  
WITHOUT CURE.  
THEIR INDIFFERENCE  
TEARS, BURNS, AND SEARS ME  
IN A COLD FIRE.  
STANDING ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE  
I CAN ONLY WATCH THE OTHERS,  
WARM AND SECURE,  
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PANE.