## The One-Eyed Boy at the Wall

the wall goes on and on no chinks no windows no doors stone neither split nor crumbled no way in no way out

yet a wall has its reasons usually inside

he takes another look around nothing

nothing at least he knows how to see

he has met people here and there in the world with mirrors for eyes barricade smiles one-way mouths

neither barricades nor mirrors here just stone

perhaps a stone that if pushed would open a secret panel in the wall . . .

too many stones

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a wall has its builders and they have their reasons which should be if there is an inside inside

unless of course hidden outside

or the wall its own reason

each side both inside and out the whole reaching from an arbitrary here to an arbitrary there

> containing nothing keeping nothing out

> > \*

could keep him at its side a good long time a wall like that

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