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Formal wooden plaques with inscribed brass plates,
Medals adorned with ribbons, and smart acrylic trophies
Sit silently
Staring out toward
Cool gray skies
Aloof yet inwardly concerned

A key turns in the front door lock

Suddenly there are expectations

Two “different” people, unknown
To these things
Come through the entryway
They wander about the house
Walking from room to room
Eventually they pause beside
A photo in the study

Only the low sound of sobbing
Finally explains it all.