

THE guest HOUSE

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THIS BEING HUMAN IS A GUEST HOUSE.

every morning a new arrival.



A joy,

a depression, a meanness,

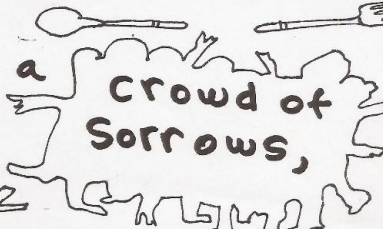
Some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.



Welcome and entertain them all!



Even if they are

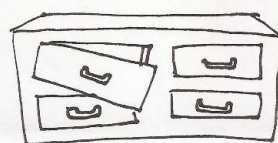


a crowd of who violently sweep your house

empty of its furniture,

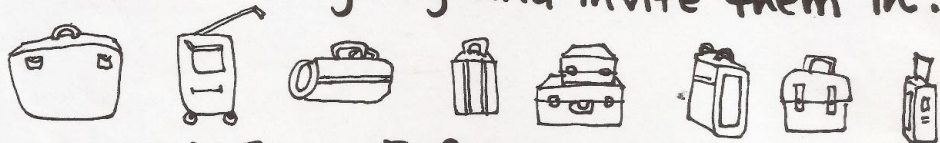
Still, treat each guest honorably.

He may be clearing you out for some new delight.



the dark thought, the shame, the malice.

Meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.



BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER COMES.

because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.