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Through the peephole in my door
(before she knocks) I see
her face, convex.

She opens her purse,
pulls out a compact,
puts on a new face.

Still convex
from my side -
she ponders her mirror.

Picking her nose
with a wrinkled tissue -
I feel comically mean

enough to swing
open the door,
but I laugh quietly instead.

My peephole winking:
a cyclops watching
and learning her secrets.

A shift of skirt, tug of blouse;
she coughs twice into her fist
then gently strikes the door four times.

I run my fingers through my hair
and open the door, surprised to see her
looking so lovely, which I comment.