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## camera obscura

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## **CAMERA OBSCURA**

After watching the funeral on facebook I pour a glass of box wine on ice. What we'd be drinking if we were together, the women who are left. Checked twitter during the hymns. Checked the news. Bowed out of the socially distanced bulb planting party. Will wait for the spring if the spring comes. If seasons are still cyclical. Unlikely daffodils. Grief is an aperture closing to a pinprick, focusing what little light is left. A pinhole camera shrinks the world and turns it upside down. Alone in this box I notice my mother. She's been standing in the corner, waiting for the picture to hit the back wall. Counting on the principle that a hole can be a lens. relying on light to travel in lines. We abide by the rules of our cardboard house and wait for my dead aunt to appear.