

## Reception

Come in, let me get those bags for you, why don't you  
hop in the shower and wash that cold off your skin?

I cleaned it just yesterday;  
scrubbed the tiles, porcelain, grout  
twice over with bleach and brush, even stood naked  
beneath the spray with cupped hands  
receiving hot water alms to pitch against the walls.

The rolling water rinsed the bleach from the tile,  
carried a thin slick foam down the basin's decline  
through my toes and down the drain  
until only bleach stains were left.