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Living Space

Free verse - represents chaotic space.

wants it to be easy ←

There are just not enough straight lines. That is the problem. *caesura*

Nothing is flat - *enjambment* - contrast to broken house - life keeps rolling.

5 or parallel. Beams balance crookedly on supports thrust off the vertical.

personification - house is trying to survive

Nails clutch at open seams.

assurance is harsh

The whole structure leans dangerously towards the miraculous.

Into this rough frame, someone has squeezed a living space

extended metaphor for life.

forced - unconventional - unnatural.

philosophical from here →

and even dared to place these eggs in a wire basket,

reckless

contrast of white vs black

fragile curves of white hung out over the dark edge of a slanted universe,

vulnerable

- juxtaposition - into unknown

gathering the light *enormous*

into themselves, as if they were the bright, thin walls of faith.

fragility of life, but also determination

over time, seeking - determined

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structure relates to slums unorderedly unorganised and random nature.

Hope against the odds