Almost Full

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December moon,

skim as milk in the afternoon, the blue alluding

through like dolorosa.

I eye the pale archaic planet, mute as light, immense

and low and feel

like il postino

in that film about Neruda and the postman.

The postman so undone by love and desperate for metaphors

can only author O -

assuagement in the bar-scene

as he reaches for a small white

ball the girl has put between her lips to muse him.

