

EMPATHY

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I have met empathy firsthand
She is a patient lady
matching my mood
word for word.

Cautious and spare
never intruding
or boosting her thoughts
to replace mine.

I have met her
and seen her kind gaze
never holding me in place
or overstaying her leave.

Seemingly without effort
though hard at her handiwork
she re-threads the needle
for every misplaced stitch.

We have become the deepest friends
I know her name
after meeting her weekly
and sensing her presence
alive in your office.

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