

# Acedia

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Nothing new this numbing year 'til now-  
a forced recovery of voice through

recollection of the catalogue of regrets,  
disappointments, and the long collapse

of hope and confidence. Despair  
has been the one consistent song note,

a persistent melody of sorrow.

In this horrifying year marked most

by variations on the theme of withdrawal,  
another in the burgeoning collection of threnodies.

