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Things I Like about Zoom Teaching

I don't have to keep turning my head.
They're all directly in front
as directly in front as a highway
or as a baby small enough to be admired head and toes simultaneously.
Here they all are
a feast for my eyes.

And I don't have to memorize names.
Their images come with names
as surely as they come with faces.
True, some of them, the ones without cameras
are invisible
but their names aren't.

No, I don't have to look about the room.
Nor do I have to count them.
I need only multiply length times width
add the remainder at the bottom
remember to subtract the rectangle that is me.

I don't have to keep turning my head.
But I do have to keep darting my eyes
and avoiding that extra rectangle
the one that got subtracted

the placeholder, the zero
the non-counting number
the one that doesn't count.