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### **Night Crew**

To the people on floors 7, 8 and 9  
I do not exist.

Their trash cans empty like  
one day becomes another  
and their floors stay forever clean.

Are *they* more than paper  
in the trash, smudges on mirrors  
and soap left on sinks?

Floors 7, 8 and 9 say  
they need no one,  
we do not exist.

I have a name.  
I clean floors 7, 8 and 9.  
I exist

but sometimes I must polish  
and polish more  
the stubborn bathroom mirrors

for me to be sure.