

An Instrument of Measure

Oh!

I forget...

This place I describe as in me

Coldness secured by door(s)

No bars so cold won't seep

Out. Peculiar placement and

My body a unit of measurement:

Feet size thirteen –so 12 steps

Wall to wall 12+13 minus

A space of 1, 000 cracks, say

Between toes and door. Wall to

Wall diagonally now –six steps

From toes to wall
+ a touch of my soul = I am
6 feet 3 inches. body against
Cold place, extended fingers, toward
Ceiling + breath
--how many left.

I can see too
 a glass window
Opposite door and these
 crash against me
Every waking day.
without window and
Door lacks an opening. See
These figures are not what
They are supposed to be.

I never sleep
 describes this place
But not me. This place be-
(Comes) me.
I don't want to be-
(Come) it.