

To My Brother I've Not Yet Met

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Please make a point
to just pencil me in.

My presence
may sharpen
your memories—
ones permanently marked
(write) on your heart
or those written off
you still can't
erase.

Just pencil me in.

Let's strike through
all the time lost,
drawing a line
from now till when,
tracing our line
from now
to then.

Just pencil me in.

Led to this page
by the one
who

drew you and drew me
(and the whole crew)
into being,
this same one
who, too,
knew the daring
depths
of
words—
what say she?

(Just pencil me in.)

Scribes
(she and me),
we both agree
that maybe
(just maybe)
given more lines
maybe
(just maybe)
given more time
maybe
(just maybe)
when we let you be,
at last
(just then)
you'll pencil
us in.