

# “Daily Exercise”, “America”, “I Tell My Children”



SPACES BETWEEN US / *image by Amalie Flynn*

**daily**  
**exercise (haiku)**

my morning poems  
have begun to sound like Tweets  
fragments of bird song

**America**

we  
best reflect

the  
spaces between us

when

we stand

together

**I tell my children**

to clean their own rooms  
to play fair and make right  
to always do  
the best they can.

And then I apologize  
that I am not leaving them  
a better world  
than my own.