

Zero . . . Such a shy performer,

at first
hiding behind
the no's "n",
you step out
onto the clear,
open page:-

Inside your tight boundaries lies amazing space,

the mouth
of a bottomless well
dropping down
into the dark waters
of unknown significance,

where absence is not naught and a mere nothing adds more to the already full.

Cipher of silence, swollen round with fresh beginnings, of curtains about to open, the choir's first breath . . .

Origin of origins which comes forever before

the sound that can never be played.