

what it is death to write down.
They can't search your brain cells.

In good faith, the children of Russia
still memorise icons, to take
to the *small zone* as poems.

The *small zone* is a Soviet labour camp for women who are deemed 'especially dangerous state criminals'.

Shizo is detention in a special punishment and isolation cell.

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SO QUICK TO GO

In the water, clouds
and a skein of geese, going
not in a V-form
-ation but loosely — small, deep
down because they are
high up — and black, in silhouette
against the white clouds.
I look up. The swirling sky
is empty. So quick
to go, the wild, winging geese!
Yet their reflection
returns. This mystery, like
migration. Look close.
Not the water but the mind
is wrong. Midges from the sedge!