

boxes

I am in the new house ■ of my old aunt ■ for the first time since ■ and there are boxes
■ for the first time since ■ our daughter was born ■ I am sleeping next ■ to the boxes
■ for the first time since ■ her husband died ■ my uncle is inside ■ these boxes ■ I
lift the lid ■ wondering if ■ what I will find ■ she tells me ■ there's still stuff to sort
■ I offer to help ■ with the sorting ■ of a life and marriage ■ into boxes ■ in one of
these boxes ■ is a letter ■ a letter I wrote to my uncle ■ fifteen years ago ■ fifteen
years after ■ the event ■ the one that ■ changed me ■ the one that put me ■ into a
box ■ I wonder if my aunt ■ has seen the letter ■ and if what I wrote ■ was new
information ■ or old knowledge ■ and if on reading ■ she too ■ put that into a box ■
for the first time since ■ somewhere in this room ■ I sleep in ■ is an unexploded
bomb *