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Paul Emmanuel

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The letters of his name are nothing but shapes in positive and negative space.

He is just like that name scratched on paper.

He is negative and positive space on any given day

But more people can recognise language than recognise him

Did his mother think of those spaces he would fill when she conjured him?

Did she think of the spaces he couldn't make full?

His name is one on the never-ending lists

It's a big place, this planet

One day we'll understand

How small it really is

And how there's more than one of him.