

Z E R O

Zero is the matter which is not there,
not the circle, but what it contains.
One has to be an Arab to think of nothing,
and arrive at zero,
the greatest invention in mathematics.

See how tricky zero can be.
You write one, which means something,
then add zero, which is nothing,
and you have ten!
another nothing, and here is
one hundred of something.

Always adding a little nothing,
you can make a fortune!

when you find that, you take a long scroll,
write one, and add zeros all day long.
Then comes a fly, the same one that bothered you
at breakfast, and she sits on your scroll, leaving
a mark just behind the one.
She ruined you, nulled all your efforts.
After that fly-dot, all those zeros lost their magic.
See how fragile zero can be
Take it as such, it's... nothing'.