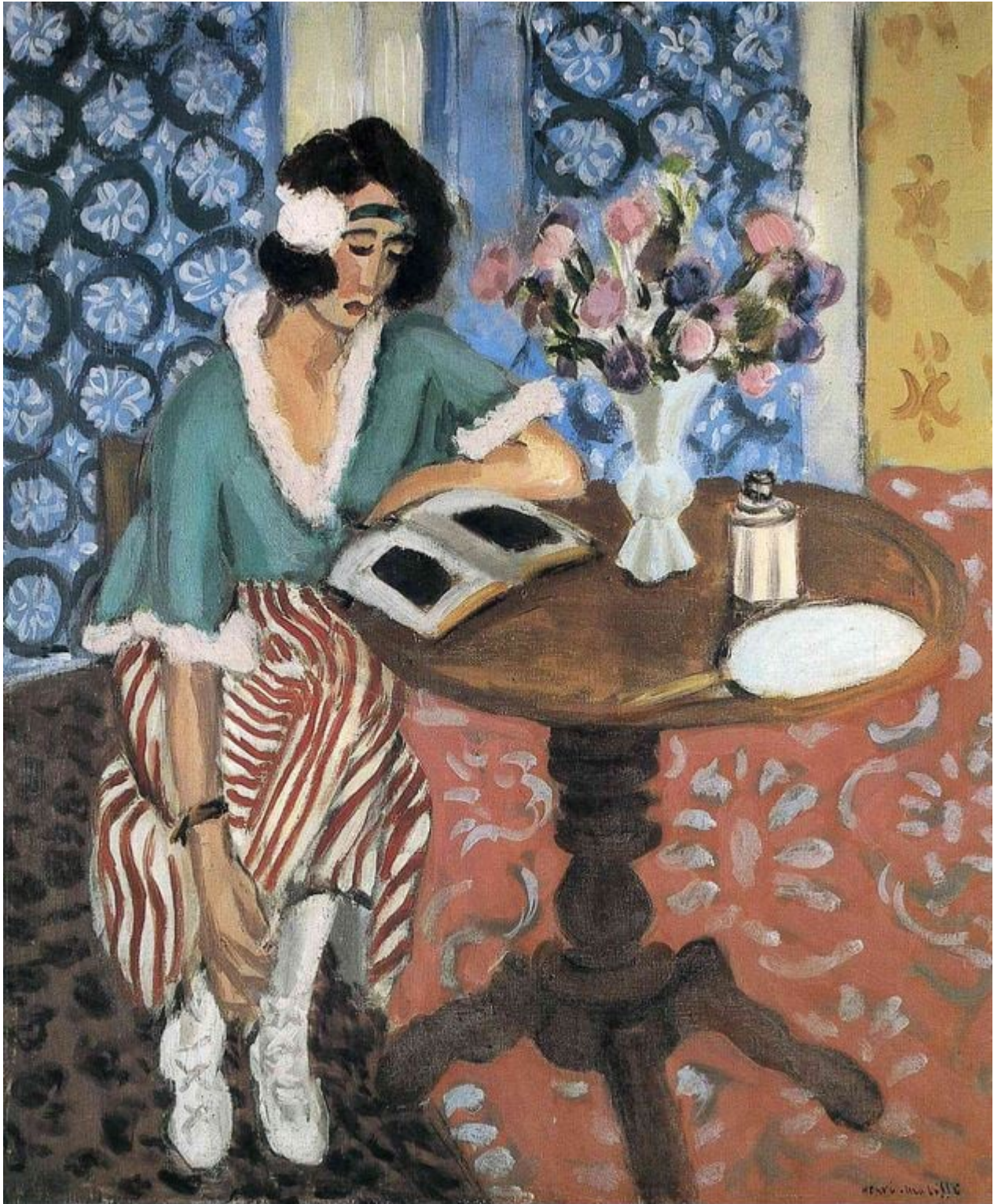


The Company of a Blank Page

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Is better company than most.
Open, non-judgmental, virginal.

And with the promise of a reader,
Open, non-judgmental, virginal.

A big perhaps in the country of perhaps
And yet a solace.

Dear Anonymous Reader: I love you already.
Stay with me through this stanza,

Through this book if book it shall be.
Let us unveil our sorrows and our joys,

You and me and me and you.
Let us be thick as thieves,

Let us shut out the rest of the resting world
And be just you and I, alive, for not so long,

But to each other.

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