Haiku

small talk the empty vase between us

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Reaction

Bro, this is...awkward, right? "Small talk, the empty vase between us." That's like, the perfect description of that stiff, uncomfortable silence. Like, you're trying to fill the space with pointless words, but the real thing, the big thing, is just sitting there, empty, right between you. That vase is like, a symbol of everything that's not being said. It's that tension, that unspoken stuff, just hanging in the air. Simple words, but they paint a really clear picture of a really uncomfortable moment.