Mallarmé's Nothingness with Heidegger's Anxiety

Stéphane Mallarmé. Martin Heidegger. Nothing. Anxiety.

The article points out the similarity of ideas in poetry and philosophy. Poets and philosophers describe the same phenomena and walk the same path in solidarity. Mallarmé and Heidegger speak of Nothingness and show Nothingness. Mallarmé descended deeply enough into Nothingness to speak about it with confidence. But where to look for Nothing and how to find it? How can Nothing be shown? And what does Nothing itself show? Nothingness is revealed through Anxiety (or *Angst*). Therefore, the abnormal anxiety that possesses the poet is an experience of suffering from Nothingness. Nothing is not known as a thing or a condition, it is happening as we speak. Nothingness is expressed as it is, as an "empty salon".

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