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SLEEP

in the kitchen it is 1940
a distant football game
filters the air
with static
a child opens his mouth
sending out the sound of a crowd

the moon hangs against the shutters
in a crooked woodcut
I am afraid the planets
will collide in this chair
where I sit holding
my life like an apple

if I drop into the canyon's side
if I sleep
in the mustard field
my clothes will twist away
like vapors in a forest
flat with thorns