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TWO KEYS

those who survived had hearts
that would open
easily: these two rusted keys
tell us
the early settlers shared the things
they most treasured.

the two keys are the same!
then, the locks were simple:
perhaps
anyone was welcome
and any stranger with a key could let himself in
to your life.

But I saved these rusted old keys
because I like to think
they were just thrown away
by a drunken miner
who decided the secrets of life were somewhere
right out in the open.