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TOLERANCE

Empty noose
 swinging in the stillness
of some forgotten afternoon
perfect in shadow
 not dusty or frayed
bloodworn teardrops
 like petals
 spreading
what do men see
 when they look at one another?
how many are still proud?