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Kneading the mattress-bare,
an upstairs cat screams for petrified fish,
yowling at a crusted Tupperware,
lidless and empty, then sprawls to sleep again.

Thin, whipped lot trees,
young and scrabbling sideways
at the wind which stashes
trash to trunk then again
it steals away.

And the meter grins wide—
a chronic metal root canal
tabbing quiet clicks toward close.
The patient extends an angry tongue
As the windshield secures instruction for care—
acid yellow and bright.

Lady in the lot shrugs her collar surer,
flicking Cat's calls from her hair
and fingering the envelope which will postpone his lunch.