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**LOVE**

Sometimes it gets to where I can't stand to hear  
another word. Lips up, eyes  
wide. I smash your face, close fist.  
It changes for a minute  
then it's back, the same.

So don't ask why, half-way through  
slicing fresh salad, I slash  
the left side of your face—eye  
to chin, and the knife is clean again  
at the tip. You cry two days  
and I think, now we can start again.