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NEIGHBORS

Your neighbors come too close,
scare you with good
mornings over the fence.

You stay in bed.
Your wife stays with you,
some dreams

she doesn't. You need
the not-knowing.
Then your daughter says

your name and you sliver
so small you grow
under *her* skin, watching.

You remember to be alive
is to choose:
you choose to get up,

to make good.
But it's not easy, nothing breathing
can help you.