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and the janitor still drops his broom every time i walk by
and i never cease to freeze like the glaciers that never stop

moving because our earth is its own radiator
and we can't stop it from warming itself since we are unable to show our love

to the people who sit around the dinner table
and stare at their canned green beans swimming in the juice

that fills up the pond on the opposite street from her bedroom window
that killed her kid brother because he didn't know how to hold himself up

when the rocks got too heavy to hold in his weak arms, yet he always carried on
the beat of the drums that still sit in the basement of my father's house

where the water drips
down my arm but up my leg.

and she wears the jeans that turn her hands
blue like the monday she can see on her face

when he doesn't come home before eight
because the table is set for three but she thinks

he's sitting on the end of another table
set for two.