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GOAT GIRL

Somebody else's lover has drowned.
If it were you
surging without meaning or desire,
green feather on a wave,
the search for enchantment
might end, respite from respite.

There is the position of our
bodies trod back to sweetness,
the imaginary moss on tongues.
The sky would fall open.

I would wash your linens until
my fingers shed their scabs.
I would be displaced, broken bottle
on the river's sand, shell
without belief in the sorrow
that an obligation brings.

Wings would coarsen on your clothes.
My heel would curse
the resilience of the loaf.