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## The History of Someone Else

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## *The History Of Someone Else*

The women who loved him  
recall his face as the sound  
of a few certain words  
his hands as a shaking  
inside their purses  
they think of him as forever  
forgetting names and addresses  
forever leaving his shoes  
outside their doors  
pointing towards the street  
filling with either dust or rain  
each of them  
remembers him the same  
though the words differ  
the shaking either larger or smaller  
still they would recognize him  
sitting in a nursing home  
holding an old purse  
convinced that his memories  
are the history of someone else  
he knows there were women  
who helped contain him  
streets that kept changing  
beneath his ruined shoes  
but has forgotten the words  
he used to say for love  
the amount he would take  
to regain his senses