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SYNCOPIATION

Nights, we lie apart in bed
not creasing the sheets.
I watch you dream of strangers.
You hunch your shoulders
and hide your face.
Headlights climb our curtains.
Mornings, we are the stolid planets
our daughter whirls around.
She balks and jitters through the days
too young to notice
how we circle,
and do not touch.