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In color your sleep is red. It is hunger that does this
to paper lungs
bright as a lantern and floating down a river, waving
to shore, those stung.

The hover of winter and your hip's thin grin of bone
fell forward
in labor, an unrequited night to sorrow, but to spring
it lashed back.

The animals left penned between this crimson dream
and strict season
are only shadows, white eyes of what you did
see first.