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My mother is my latest idea, only in yellow  
this time, furtive hints of mauve and hot pink.  
And I choose to believe that as a child  
someone at the county fair told my mother  
that the bright stars above her were really fireworks

that neglecting to burst, neglecting to fall,  
were left hanging up in the sky, stuck,  
gradually losing their greens, reds and blues. Luster.  
*You celebrate the same old celebrations  
night after night after night after night*

I choose to believe my mother was told.  
My grandmother was a horse  
that could not talk but loved to listen.  
How she galloped down every road available to her,  
uncontrollably sneezing with her entire face.