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*after Dara Wier*

P. unpins her arms hangs them on a near-by barbed wire fence  
Her torso's shadow sways  
for the way plants look up reach down  
canoe-rhythm stitching together an animal's wound

She puffs out her toad chest  
arms dangling in her periphery Sometimes  
they wave & are every friend she's ever had  
waving goodbye to her

Her shadow's  
slow rocket launch follows a fly  
from windowpane to compost pile she eat as he eats face first  
The discerning wasps in their search for paper  
She chews  
fist-sized hoards of paper spits them at her feet

The mailman passes the barbed wire & asks  
Are your hands tied?  
No, they hang beside me She calls him over  
greet him with her tongue