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Ode to the expertly eyeballed teaspoon.
To what we're left with: unequal
servings. Ode to the impossible
us, glancing silence like a reused
sieve. To reconnecting. To the old
me, in swim trunks and wrestling
a fish to the deck. To memories!
To dead fish! Ode to our bodies
alive as they are. To the cliff
one of us will empty the other
off of, the day of untimely dismissal.
Our tiny pieces spelling some breezy shape
some feet above water. Ode to commitment
in wind. To the beautiful behaviors
of ocean rocks. How they tumble uneven
in the turning current. Ode to movement, impulsive
transportation, leaving here
to end up there, unfazed. The choice
to bike down the skinniest hallway.
Ode to goldenrod and misquoting yourself
beneath a checkered awning. To Parameters.
Stencil-thin screen doors and backyards
best used for family gatherings. Ode
to gathering families. To you, Elizabeth,
and your failure to comment, again
on the garden.