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SMOKER'S LOUNGE

I locked my bike outside the smoker's lounge
and walked away just for a minute

they told me I wasn't getting enough exercise
so I checked into a spa with my girlfriend

my hair curled into tight ringlets
I wore shirtwaist dresses

when I returned I was 15 pounds lighter
but my bike was gone

someone had taken great pains to detach it
from its chain or it just decided

to slink off and look for someone
who understood it better at that point

I'm not sure—all I know is
that now I look for it everywhere