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Pieces

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The telephone in the hall
doesn't ring.
Laughter rarely echoes
between these walls.

Our mouths have no more need to smile.
Cracked wine glasses lie
in a corner among
pieces of a faded photograph,
the celebration long over.

Angry words reverbrate
through the window, piercing
the roses planted in spring,
whitering delicate petals.

A door slams
tires spin on gravel
then, silence—
tears dry
and dust from the road
settles among the
pieces of photograph,
petals, and glass.