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*MELISSA KALINOWSKI*

I awoke in the middle of the night  
trying desperately  
to save you  
in one of those James Bond dreams I have —  
or nightmares.

Again you lived before me,  
the golden one,  
my guardian angel shadow.  
I remember waking up violently,  
unable to swallow, my hands burning.  
I assumed this was from the ropes  
I had tied around my waist,  
lowering me safely  
to the awaiting rocks below —  
in my dream.  
I wanted to remember  
but I knew I wouldn't.  
All I can say is that you were on an  
Alcatraz like island  
and my walkie-talkie was useless . . .

I remember wanting you back,  
all of you, for cold sunsets,  
warm rains, and coffee shop idling.  
I wanted that sense of you  
that drips drier and drier each time  
I wake my eyes to a fresh day  
where the night before  
I saved you — or didn't.