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I saw you disappear behind me like a scab that got lost in the carpet
re: you as an elongated shadow
a wisp of cigarette smoke

no more copper tokens, or misplaced staples
no more creases in the pillows missing thread
no more moments of divine letting go

just my blood dotting the tile
just my heart pulsing where my healing should be
just my prayer that I felt no longer worth mentioning

the prayer of asking for nothing
but to somehow balance
surviving on the in between of doubt.