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To passion,
   to sex in a Saab.

To love,
   minus the broken hearts,
   the disintegration,
   the lies.

To nature,
   to bodies that interlock
   like perfect
   serpents.

To hate,
   and so quickly forgetting
   that you may have ever had any.

To cold,
   and how it makes warmth more
   than what its worth.

To warmth,
   and how temporary it may be
   in the dark of the night.

To morning,
   the reprieve,
   the fall downward,
   the sinking feeling of the empty space next to you.

To afternoon,
   and the silence
   of your cell phone.

To evening,
   and the double features,
   and carry-out dinners
   for one.

To sleep,
   and the loneliness that pervades
   even unconsciousness.

Are you drunk yet?