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Slow dance polka in your mother’s kitchen,  
“How we did it in Texas” you said  
and for once I didn’t have a witty quip  
about hunting or Republicans or guns  
because you were swinging me  
through windows full of drying herbs  
and your sisters had grabbed each other  
and followed our lead—  
your mother, oh your mother,  
clapping her hands to the beat and laughing  
and somewhere I thought  
“This is love. Love is THIS.”  
And maybe it is and maybe it wasn’t  
but I teach my fiancé (who isn’t you)  
to polka “the Texas way”  
even though I hate Texas  
and still, sometimes,  
you.