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I Write Instead

My Heart

I want to write a poem about me.

About my heart,
the last peach of summer,
bruised but sweet.

How it has not felt
an ocean type of love,
not a nonstop earthquake dreams love,
but something more like a soft drizzle
or a moth
beating at the panes of a window
not understanding that the light has gone out.

But there is no poem there.

The poem I write instead
is the sound of my mother's wedding ring
jumping off the hardwood floors,
burrowing into a crack,
sliding into the dark.

The poem is her not bothering to pick it up.

The poem is my father,
the moth,
and my mother,
the window.

And me,
sixteen,
gripping each half of my heart in both hands,
starting to understand that this might be it.