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There seems little point in watching it scatter
after it has hit the absolute center of the filthy ceramic tile
with a singing note that's half-whistle, half-scream,
and splits so easily into so many pieces,
some terribly large and some too insignificant to find,
from a fragile little curl with no backbone,
made from the never-lasting imagination.

What do you even do at those times
with that foolhardy strain, do you admire
what was not yet hardy enough to be fractious glass,
nor generous enough to bounce and then break,
or not break at all, and defy all reason and promise;
or is it permissible to carry the fractals around
like they were made of gold,
which you could melt back into lovely shape,
to not let it be some commonplace refuse?

If it could be so, it would be,
but it cannot, so it stays
gritted between the grout and the footsteps to come,
glittering and gluttonous to be shuffled around.