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## When to Toast

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?