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Mardelle Fortier

Hope flowered like white candles We fluttered—moths who studied everything but flame Fervently we agreed to walk a thousand miles if only to find Keats We stayed up past midnight on borrowed electricity

In our youth every word was new
Our lenses—fire opals
We would have rowed barehanded to Rome
to find Shelley or Byron
Outside, milky flowers slept
reminding us of stardust
Heedless of danger we ran into the grass
not knowing our fragility
Now they swirl in memory
those white candles of our dresses