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-Brian VandenBos-

When you placed your bets on  
the horse that looked the saddest,  
and discovered profound meaning  
and gave gypsy fortunes  
from the black tallies on our shoes,  
only to die of a heart attack because of  
the awakening of appliances,  
electricity being restored  
after a moonless evening  
of the walls buzzing with fear,  
thick dust resting as you washed your hair in the  
kitchen sink.  
Still when your bingo club threw you a birthday bash  
and no one started a conversation  
for Betty forgot the appetizers,  
if the shake of trees hurts your bones,  
framed as you wait for the  
mailman, who bounds through gray expansive skies,  
you appreciate the way gravity keeps you on the group  
and wonder why Betty, of all people  
left the carrots and dip at home,  
and late afternoon light,  
struggling to pass through hanging tobacco smoke  
makes you feel like growing up all over again.