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## Precarious

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# FREEDOM

Hansen: Precarious

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Rain  
splashes down  
sprinkling the world below.

Water  
washes away the meds,  
code yellows  
the window bars.

Puddles  
litter the streets  
the sidewalks.  
Blue socked feet

dance around  
tiptoeing around one  
landing in another.  
Leading  
away from  
the looming hospital  
standing in the shadows  
of the clouds.  
Brown hair  
blue socks  
soaked through  
in the street  
free at last.

# PRECARIOUS

Kelsey O'Kelley

and i'm too afraid to  
feel it,  
the vowels and  
the echoes,  
but I need to say  
the name.

it's forbidden  
from leaving,  
marooned in my mind  
by a garden gate.

i could try  
to cover  
my lips,  
with my hand,  
but  
wildflowers  
and weeds  
would grow between  
my fingers,  
spelling it out.

right now it's  
resting,  
invisibly,  
on the roof  
of my mouth.