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Peretti: Sheep

[Marilyn Peretti]

These sheep are quiet,
an envied patience
that comes naturally.
My eyes dwell on the thick
thick coats, quarter-sized
curls of silver, laced into
strands of dusty brown,
dense wool of the Lincoln
breed. And my pulse slows
as I lean into the broad
white boards of their pen
at the County Fair,
touching their oily coats
and speaking to them, as
their contented eyes
speak to me.

It's Not Like in the Movies

[Wilda Morris]

On the METRA
heading into Chicago
we pass
a long train
heading out
on the next track.
Through the window
I don't see a man stab
a beautiful woman.
No gangster presses
a pile of cash
into an open hand.
No sign of any conspiracy.
All I see as I stare
are reflections of the people
in my eastbound car
but
I have to admit
we all look suspicious.