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You Used To

– Gerald Ryan

Molded to my lap
Your cat purrs and
Poises its head to be
Petted and scratched
While we watch sunsets
The way you used to.

Windowpane light leaks
Into the inky night of
Your porch where I sit
Still facing the wind in
Zippered solitary pose
The way you used to.

Dustbin dreams remain
Quiet in the comer
Haunting your bed
Kicking your covers
Adjusting your pillows just so
The way you used to.

False dawn drips into your room
Hanging over my head
Like a low ceiling while I re-read
That last letter line by line and
Throw it to the floor
The way you used to.