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I Love

– Lisa Travis

eyes squinting and narrowing with the
the universal language of reaction.
the word superfluous, how it tumbles down
my tongue and bounces off my lips.
how my neck tightens and my cheeks flex to assist
tears as they fight their way out of my tear ducts.
gravel crackling under sandaled feet.
leaves, how they graciously stand below
the blossom — letting it take all the credit.
how smells trigger memories
and how memories trigger everything.
kneecaps and rings on little fingers...