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I swear that this long hair had teeth  
while skulking out of dark.

It crackled and entangled; wild  
thick fur threw burning sparks.

It climbed up over the plane seat  
and threatened me with size.

'Twas frizzled, sizzled, fried and dried  
and gleamed like lupine eyes.

It howled & prowled & curled & swirled  
and would not let me rest.

Plotting & knotting in dimness,  
it put me to the test.

It raged & rolled & lashed & clashed  
& snarled at my outcry.

Red shone in it like blood of wolves—  
“Don't snip me or you die.”

And I remembered Riding Hood  
& stayed all deaf & dumb.

But when the hair had gone to sleep  
I poked it with my thumb.