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CONSOLATION
By Heather M. Fahn

Insomnia embraces me
In your absence.

Sleeplessness holds me
While you are gone.

Pacified lull comforts me...
But for how long?

I miss you!

26TH Street and Pulaski
By Xelina Cortez

On Sunday mornings mi papa played spic records
that bellowed out through the six blocks,
to the apartment,
where rice sandwiches waited in shabby paper bags
and swollen floor boards that nobody fixed rested.
Where couches spun dust
and my mother spun historia with a cheap needle and thread.
Pass the open water hydrant,
above the chalked hopscotch squares 5, 6, 7,
second floor rear building where sunlight never came,
and what did it matter?