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## Shelving Memories

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The hands that lather  
reach out from  
over and coat me.  
Coat me with recency and  
take me from now. I fear forgetting but  
remembering frightens me more.

I want both.  
The now and the just over. Take the  
just over and plunge over  
deep into my chest.  
Burn me with it, hot-pronged, until it  
sears a mark,  
a purple-flamed memory  
over in ashes,  
over in ashes with  
head bowed,  
kissing the flame goodbye  
and dying.  
Over  
is gone.  
Now I have  
just.