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ANNIVERSARY

Mil Riese

Come, let us celebrate again
the intricate uses and pleasures
of the body — and I within
thinking what if it should end.
I would go crashing down down down,
the flowers fallen from my hair
my skin slack and burned all over,
arriving at another desert,
another famine, folding myself
into capsules and tablets
very neat, very neat,
pushed to the back of a closet shelf.