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dander
particles airborne like
pollen, soot, skin cells
fibers of fabric
the fluff of feathers
fine matters of earth brought in
by wind, windows, and doors
clouds billowing in from the outside
specks from a storm or smoke from the ashes
ancestors disintegrating under the tomb
contaminants crumbling from the ceiling
soil from our shoes as we walk
insects inching on sleeping bodies
sands from the Sahara creating dry plumes
in the sky above the haze
that sticks around

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