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— Donald Jordan

Tediously punching numbers
to listen to rude, angry people
tell me my mother and father
were never married

or they slam down the receiver so hard
it hurts my ears
(not covered under our medical)

or the woman
who screams at me
because
last year she used our service
and her cat died of a rare skin disorder
it contracted from one of our employees

and then
there's my boss' rank breath
melting my eyebrows
as she yells at me
for writing this.