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We met in sad mischief,
Jukebox lights violent in the corners of our eyes.
I wanted to tell you
about the hours I read, and thought,
planning for love —
It would come green
and fill my days beautifully.
The air would strike us,
And we'd row down some river into old age.

Here are your shoes: black and muddy at the end of this bed.
Feeling like a criminal hours after the crime, I look at your shut lids.
You are not ideal; we are not in love.
The only place we fit in is this bed.