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## Hard Wired

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I see smoke from the tailpipe of a motorcycle  
and follow it out to Lake Michigan—let it  
pull me back to you.

we never threaded the sand with our feet. footprints, from  
the top of the dune, look like nothing look like the dotting  
of stitch in a quilt look like bite marks if our bodies were  
less water, more earth.

all to say maybe it doesn't matter that I  
loved you.

remind me that maybe all of it is just  
nothing, an afterthought microscopic  
and now there is permission to leave  
you in the corners of 2011 toss you out  
with the last thread that connected me  
to the college campus that was gray  
when I got there and gray when I left.