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science says—
when two surfaces come into contact,
they never truly meet;
hair follicles can brush together
and toes can curl against bed sheets,
but it is not skin on fabric,
nor skin on skin,
but atom against atom; it is
animal magnetism and
organic chemistry
colliding, colluding,
pressing impossibly close,
yet not close enough; it is
desperate loneliness
looking for friction,
fighting for covalent bonds
to stabilize an otherwise
perpetual state of motion;
settle down, stand still
is what they tell us,
while our atoms jiggle up and
down, impatient for
the endless possibilities,
for the unlimited
electrons pulsing through
the air, singing, "We are
inevitable. Come,
dance with us. Hold our hands."