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When I Am Gone

By: Rachel Lefebre

Please do not feel a shiver of grief
at the sight of unmade beds
or crossed-out lines on Moleskine pages.

Do not swear you've seen my ghost
when you let the coffee go cold
or notice a wine stain on the carpet.

Do not dream of me leaving you unexpectedly,
a crime I was too often guilty of,
wearing a borrowed rain coat and chipped blue nail polish.

Please, only think of me
with the smell of freshly brewed mud
and remember how I stopped on the sidewalk
to be a shepherd for the misled earthworms.