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-Andrew Calis

The crack appeared on the plate
like the first lick
of lightning, crackling across the dark.
I saw the flash of glass before
I heard it split.
It doesn't matter she said seriously,
even though it was a wedding present.

While we're on the topic of the quatrain

-Andrew Calis

I'm afraid I've run out of steam,
or been derailed, trailed off
on my own, or shown up
after everyone left.