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Scrap Paper

Tiffany Page

For Jenn

I carry her list with me,
a single piece of notebook paper.

It's softer now,
that time has passed.

"Feed Animals
Go to Bank

Get gift card, Momaw
Mom's B-day

Cora
4 outfits
Diapers
wipes

Maddelyn
2 changes
Nightgown
3 panties
3 socks

Myself
Nightclothes
1 outfit
Socks..."

Written neatly at the bottom
are directions
to our Momaw's house in Louisiana

Her last trip to Louisiana
with her babies.

Our last trip,
together.

I found her list
after she died.

It took me a moment
to remember
that she had given it to me;

To remember that she
had given me her list
when it was only
scrap paper.

Scrawled on the other side
"Dallas Police Department 3/18"
The day my apartment had been broken into
Unimportant now.



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