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LIGHTS OUT.

The fuse box
is a medicine-bank, an ark
of home remedies.
The buttons crumble like
aspirin, taste like tonic
water washed down with
lime. I feel altogether
brisk, bundled in nerves
that won't quiet—
it's a question of pacing and
I'm having trouble
with your protons. Our bodies
blink like traffic
lights. Green for go. Red
to stop. Yellow,
I forget.