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All summer it was not the dream  
where the grooves of her skin  
grayed, deepened. Not the dream

where she asked for key lime pie.  
Not the dream where her dog dipped  
his curly head, drowned his peach

ear tips in a stale bowl. Not the  
dream where the hot dove hovered  
at the pool rim. Not the dream where

I found the dove in the  
nest of her. This was the dream  
where the earth went septic,

the heart started breaking all  
its own records. It was the dream  
where even the cocker spaniels

stood back from the equipment,  
removed their blue masks,  
snapped their latex gloves.