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By that fractured lion in the park  
was it, our latent memories recombined  
so that even the smallest of them—

the one of musk, the one  
of a quartzite pebble on a gravestone—  
were irretrievably lost.

As sounds in the mouth get lost.  
As a traveller—a visitor—may grow silent  
in the spaces of a house.

Sun-flares drape the page now  
with the purest of lies  
in place of desired rains.

Yet it has begun to rain  
after all. Is that what you said?  
Begun to rain after all?