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*Danielle Marie Clark*

## To Hold Small Things

I saw you disappear behind me like a scab that got lost in the carpet  
re: you as an elongated shadow  
a wisp of cigarette smoke

no more copper tokens, or misplaced staples  
no more creases in the pillows missing thread  
no more moments of divine letting go

just my blood dotting the tile  
just my heart pulsing where my healing should be  
just my prayer that I felt no longer worth mentioning

the prayer of asking for nothing  
but to somehow balance  
surviving on the in between of doubt.