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FREEDOM

Hansen: Precarious

Sarah Hansen

Rain
splashes down
sprinkling the world below.

Water
washes away the meds,
code yellows
the window bars.

Puddles
litter the streets
the sidewalks.
Blue socked feet

dance around
tiptoeing around one
landing in another.
Leading
away from
the looming hospital
standing in the shadows
of the clouds.
Brown hair
blue socks
soaked through
in the street
free at last.

PRECARIOUS

Kelsey O'Kelley

and i'm too afraid to
feel it,
the vowels and
the echoes,
but I need to say
the name.

it's forbidden
from leaving,
marooned in my mind
by a garden gate.

i could try
to cover
my lips,
with my hand,
but
wildflowers
and weeds
would grow between
my fingers,
spelling it out.

right now it's
resting,
invisibly,
on the roof
of my mouth.