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I am without my lists of excuses

I am without
my lists of excuses
and newly-born explanations for once.
For once I have silenced
it's just that and
all I was trying to say;
I just won't think
and maybe it'll go away.
It's not quite silent,
a dull vibration
behind the glove box,
maybe that crossbrace on the exhaust again,
or wheel bearings, damn, an entire new seal
that'll be costly, and I'm
avoiding
everything.
Maybe it'll go away and maybe
her delicate pieces will
untangle themselves
and we'll be granted a reprieve.
I need a new approach,
what did Hemingway say,
very simple operation, just letting the air in,
but thinking is like
writing on pieces of wet Kleenex
and I stop.

My hand accidentally moves
from the defogger to her jeans
and at least she doesn't pull away.

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