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I remember this bar
only it was called something different—
I was underage, we hadn't met yet,
it doesn't matter.

You tell me
how you once placed my photograph
in a copy of James Wright's *Above the River*
and then returned it to the library.
Because you loved me.
Because I had recommended it
to you.

I want to tell you
about the time I sat next to your wife
at a bar. How awkward it was, silently drinking
side by side, like two empty households.

But I do not say anything.
I did not mean to come
to this bar again.

At this hour
the light makes a shadow out of everyone.

I remember that.