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## HONEYMOON

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*Perhaps from a comparison to the moon, which wanes as soon it is full . . .*

—American Heritage Dictionary

that April we hauled  
our heads up from love  
just long enough  
to realize the hotel  
window was painted shut  
suddenly you were mad  
to hear the carillon down  
the street ring unimpeded  
so I took a screwdriver  
and in ten minutes pried  
jamb from frame you  
threw it open like  
someone welcoming  
a victorious army

outside rain we'd never  
heard falling had filled  
a cistern weeping willows  
shimmered in sunlight  
and the field beyond  
was giddy with delphiniums  
the very air purple  
with their fleeting  
glory hellish  
spring you muttered  
then slammed shut  
the porthole on that passing  
show so we could return  
to our perdurable world