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*Perfect Motels*

When a bird dies  
it falls through the air  
like the ending of the sublime.

I read all day  
until fireflies start  
out of livid places

and trouble the twilight  
like candles in the windows  
of a woman's home

flickering *I'm here*  
*I'm here* to anyone  
who will see.

At five o'clock,  
as if the sun were a thought  
in a thinker's mind,

some master passion  
of a taciturn heart,  
I am of two minds,

suspending things  
in small nacreous  
twilights of consciousness.

Take anything  
to the *n*th degree  
and it dismantles you.

After so many movements,  
small wonder  
a thing must die.

To alterations blue  
and phenomenal as this sky,  
I wake at midnight,

keeping things I  
remember close  
at hand and disquieting.