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*The door of Grace has only one handle, and it is on
the other side.*

—Robert Wisniewski

Simply given:
Palms frayed by sky.
Pink bougainvilleas
threading the trellis.
A chameleon
on the screen door.

And some mornings,
a breeze flips the newspaper
I've opened
and the cloud cover lifts,
a more important story:
a sudden pleasure I haven't earned,
the drowned light come back,
hair streaming, breathing softly,
shreds of color pressed wet
against its body.