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i think i'm growing on you  
lichen and her sweet, sacred rock  
a hug that chews the skin off

how does it feel, to bear me  
am i heavier than you thought i'd be?  
intact with all my skin and teeth

lucent in the sky above me  
in beads slinging across trees  
and over the horizon  
is a light with your name on it

how much life can you spend a bird dying  
unpinned, handpicked to lie in sin  
wings laid flat by the lightest wind

in your eyes i find it  
the other option,

what must be  
the sighs of mining  
a soft-hammered bite—

gums, filled with diamonds

