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I fear anything with a point  
a blunt knife  
dangling  
on the countertop  
nail on floor  
needle on sofa  
a stray pen in my bed  
toys on the stair  
broken  
their jaws open  
the eyes of my lover  
when she bristles  
cheeks taut  
things with an edge  
taken for granted —  
but all these  
dim in my mind  
once one of them sights me  
at a café  
and flings a word  
with teeth  
at my skin.