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Last Few Days Love Thee

Last few days love thee like I remember soft shouldered man with strong wrists.

Last few days love thee like I speak holding words and voice unfettered.

Last few days love thee like I mourn time lost in furies not of our own making.

Last few days love thee like I sleep in our bed.

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Sweet little, pretty little Jewish princess, fathered and fathered and fathered on weekends away, just him and her, just he and she, until the red line of puberty trailed ahead to an empty bathtub.

Anybody could have seen this line for it was easy to divine as lines on a palm, a worried forehead, a splatter of crow’s feet, easy to follow as lines on a hospital floor that lead from admitting to X-ray or surgery or OBGYN, but which in this case led to the bathtub where her two wrists menstruated to let her out.

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