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*After "Litany in Which Certain Things Are Crossed Out"*

Every morning: the warmth  
of their mattress. Every morning:

her callused husband      his belly  
brimming with glass.

Every morning: a touch  
of gin                      to forget.

Because, suddenly,              a leaf  
of paper    is enough

to trouble water.

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# Cannon Fodder

I wanted to tell you  
of the river water.

And summertime: how teeth turn  
to sand; how air

becomes thick  
& red.