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Little One

Before you, my days were secreted
with gloom. The unruly rituals
and trials were endlessly disappointing.
I desired desperately to spawn
life in my womb.

“It’s a girl,” said the nurse, handing me
your crying vessel. Rich and luminous
you were—my little mount of sunshine.
Wounding me slow, scarring me deeper
is knowing that I must let you fulfill
your destiny of sunning someone else’s essence.