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## Overdose

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Close your eyes,  
beautiful boy.

Mine weep  
while mind's eye  
imagines you.

When chartreuse  
was the color  
I used to describe your iris,

now,

it makes the doses go down  
easier.

White oval  
scored into halves  
not quite deep enough  
to break—

Vicodin.

Take the pain away.

Nine of the ten milligram pills  
is lethal—

I leave only seven in the translucent,  
caution orange,  
child-proof container.

*You're welcome.*

I love you.  
I love

*you?*

Should I call you by your first name or do I say:

Hi,  
Vicodin.  
I don't believe  
we've met,  
but

my lover is in love with

you.