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SHE HAS THREATENED ME WITH PLEASURE

(For Susan Honeycutt)

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with eyes, hard and teal
an ocean of sapphires and milk
endless and fascinating

she brushes against me
every other day at 1:32 PM
hoping, maybe, I won't notice
the viscid temporality of it all
hoping, maybe, I will

an accidental brush of one hard breast
brings no response
except, possibly, a small flick
of the eyes
to note excitement
or embarrassment

I have considered
having her name tattooed
inside my eyelids
so through my dreams
I will always see it

but settle
for using a pin
to poke holes in my cigarettes
spell her name on each,
inhale