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The suburb abuzz
with saws. They're
cutting down
everything and so
a baby cries,
which is what
we feel like doing—
crying and crying out
for tradesmen—the
mouldy ceiling, keys
that won't fit in the
lock, the back door
stuck fast and we
can't open the kitchen window
to set a bee free.
Even the door to the garden
has grown over.
Spider webs fuzz the lock.
We spy the old rhodo
on the curl, the broken fence,
and convolvulus, like pain,
strangling everything.