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She sleeps folded
up like an old phone
number, no name

on a scrap of nap
kin in a stranger's calf
skin wallet, her

half-closed hand
in the shape
of a shaved lamb.

She is the seed
ingrown, alone
inside an avocado.

Her heart: a handful
of feathers
rubber-banded together:

a dandelion dismantled
by a breeze too cold to keep
to the East Coast.

Starfish quiver in her
head: slow rowboat
floating on the bed