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*after Angelo Ray*

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He remained certain of  
unconditional love,  
and confession, syllables,

in theory, naked. Silva  
runs down the hall  
*[I thought at first,*

*it was "saliva runs  
down the hall," a more  
interesting, if some-*

*what surreal, figure],*  
the bus window stretching  
like clouds and gestures,

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the courtyards of Ottoman  
houses, playful until  
the last engine takes refuge

amid acorns and oak saplings.  
Something grows immense,  
her fingernails suspended

in thin air. It must have  
been a Saturday. Someone  
put out an arm, dusty

with sleep. On Sicilian  
shores, an undergraduate  
writes and stars in innovative,

insightful theater. She is  
where she is, mourning  
her first love, poetry.