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## BEAUTIFUL MONOTONIES

TIMOTHY LIU He says, *if you want to love me, go hang my laundry*, the basket heavier now as I walk across the sun-scorched lawn than it's going to be when the wind

gets done, the weathered clothespins like finches sitting on the line—boxers, socks, briefs—is this not a bliss even as the days pass? He says, *now let me sleep—*

*touch me again and I'll take the couch*, his laundry swaying under moonlight beyond the sliding glass door—trousers

taken down but a crumpled flag at dawn, the sheets all twisted, our knotted selves entwined—no need to share another word.