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An automatic train car returns

around existence with the black-
blow cargo of no apparent *why*.

At home a rat collapses beneath a door.

I knock, circled by the chance
you will expire.

Body that appears only by your
body's disappearance—

soon your rib must rotate, like a turnstile,
to let me in.