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BECOMING: EMERGENCE

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Memories scattered around your room
from before his terrible leaving;
restless fingertips brush his

ring,

letters,

neckties,

noose—

touch them and they mean something,

turn them over, ask them questions

until they mean something else.

Beat them until they tell you

what they meant to say,

or turn your back on them, on him—

and suddenly they mean nothing,

nothing

nothing.