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I would like to tell you about Gustav's Kiss,

*the horizons of lips, and one woman wearing
a daffodil dress, I bought because yellow
is my favorite color and it hangs nicely on the wall,*

*but I can't stop thinking about the affair
between Goethe and my sister*

and how he spelled the word girl

and hips hips hips

*how I'm crying to become a poet and sometimes
think of the days
when my mother made us stand in front of the door
and recite E.D. and I hated those days
but still remember the verse*

and wonder what bird is singing still