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for “Jonny”

By Marileta Hunsford

One day,
you'll regret
the nail you drove in my heart;
you'll look back with sorrow
at the way you let me bleed out
for want of you.

One day,
you're gonna
have to answer
for the promises you pressed
on my lips
and the lies I tasted afterwards.

One day—
one unexpected day—
you'll see what you've done,
and there will be no time for apologies
or sloppy amends.

On day,
your wrongs will sit
on your chest—
squeezing the life from you—
wearing my face.

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"Writing is my escape and safety valve. It's kept me from despairing and helped me focus my eyes on the peace at the end of a struggle. If I didn't write I would probably be in an asylum right now. I can take out real-life frustrations on fictional characters and find courage by giving my protagonists the strength I long for."