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The slight feel of your hand on my back
grounds me.

Adamant she didn't want to die in one,
already distended, cannot be moved.
Caught in a net of cables, tubes.
White uniforms, floating sharks.
And I had thought it would be her heart.

Stranded. Green walls, this silent white.
Better not to swim here, so easy
for them—her clouded-over eye,
watery sick.

I want to take her home.
You will take me home.
She will die alone.

And I try not to move.
Afraid to bleed.