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THE FOUR CORNERS OF FIFTH & LENORA

I timed my arrival to make an X.
At the intersection you were on the other side.
I smiled like the city bus between us.
A sick, fluorescent smile.
In that moment my coat blew open:
half-slip hiked around my waist,
my hair I hoped a wave of grain. This
is not a weekend feeling.
I am holding my heart against my chest.
In the city of just me you made me like a guest
and I gave you how many tries.