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ECHOLOCUTION

I am at home. I am
interviewing the telephone. She says hello

when I say hello: Hello.
The front doorknob fits against a gauge in the wall.

I cough and stop and scratch and stop and listen—
when I listen for long enough I'm lost.

Voices of men recite the radio news. Time
is a travel advertisement.

I hang on to the telephone like a handle.
Fastened to the wood wall of a boat.

She says what I say while I say it.
When I listen for long enough I'm lost.

The light's got rice in it, like after a wedding:
me in my ambulance, you in yours.