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THE CURTAINS ARE ANOTHER KIND OF HUSBAND

Drawn in the daytime, they are grand,
gruff and complete with cuffs. Another kind of

eight-in-all, they are near, but not enough.
The curtains are cryptic and unwilling to billow

when the windows are closed.
They whisper, they whistle, they call me

glaucoma. Clearly they can't speak, clearly
they can't see me, but they do drape

like the arms of an angel-ape
down the sides of each see-through torso.

The curtains make flirting make sense and
make fun. The last one teases me.

My grooms disagree with me and I am both
embarrassed and proud. I am embarrassed

to be so proud, but I am also proud
of this embarrassment. They say

they give me a place, but they take my place.
They take my time and they give way.