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## CHICKEN

You bite at the side of your mouth and I think  
scissors in a fist fight and foxglove

wrestling a red fence.  
Your mouth

is a month.  
I'm across the river.

Stuck on a rock in the middle of  
November—

weather-fed a rolling freight of firewood.  
You say one

three word thing  
like an accident of birds

startled from a farm tree.  
Your eyes

like eyes look  
then your eyes

like tracks. I'm fixing  
a chicken still digging for scratch.