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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.