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FORECASTS

It might not happen, but if it does,
we'll be unhappy until it's over.
(When she switched from How could I
to Who did I think I, I kept thinking, Take cover.)

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The rock fell from a great and far-off height
and plummeted silently through the roof
into bed, where it replaced your heart.
That's what I think. It's why you're so aloof.

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There's a change when I come home,
like a queen batting her fake lashes
as she tells the jailer that today
it's forty, not twenty lashes.

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The kids are watching television
while we ignore each other and the vision
of a young John the Baptist cursing
his future God. We'll fix things tomorrow, first thing.