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This was how I leaned, gently, against a window: my eyes like the lightest frost as my family sat down to dinner. To see them from a distance was to see a flock of birds unfolding in the sky. I can’t tell you enough of their tragic beauty: the eager wings, the sounds they made for love. I was standing with a darkness which, like a cat, might have eaten them whole but they were blind to this. They were having a holiday and even their dreams seemed to come from a wind to the north. I can tell you how a tree glowed behind them and their gifts, unopened, longed to be ripped. I can tell you how the darkness melted away from me when I walked in among them. Love sank deep as teeth or claws.