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ON HALLOWEEN

We dress our daughter in a flower suit
and carry her door to door. She can’t eat
candy and doesn’t know her name
but seems to understand the idea
of a holiday, a chance to travel in disguise.
She’s quiet and wide-eyed: her hands
clased in front of her green stalk.
Her petal crown is so yellow it might
be a halo. She senses her importance
in the doorways of friends’ houses
where candy is dropped into paper sacks
and ghosts twist to sniff
the future in her new hair.