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You bite at the side of your mouth and I think
cutters 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.