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from a drooped leaf
you came into our house.
Those first days
you cried like a near-split bulb.
We tried everything, patted you
with yardstems until
finally no sound.
By hands you grew
from the bed of your cradle
took count of those with water.
I remember one evening
breaking you loose and running
dirt all up my arms.
I remember how the plan took shape
that morning and how
careful bloom
it went off so nicely.
It was what we wanted.
That light, that never-clear
of the neighborhood after hours.