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THE END OF SOMETHING

“Nick looked on at the moon, coming
up over the hills.

‘It isn’t fun any more.’”

—Hemingway

There now! It’s done . . .
I’ve torn your torrid letters
to a finger-faltering plentitude of bits
and burned the fragments all
to finger-flaking dust,
rubbed the pieces all to shadows
on my finger tips
and washed the shadows
down the kitchen drain . . .
and your photo too
as well as trifling other memorabilia
sent the trash collector’s route . . .

And so its done! Utterly!

Soooooo?

But how commit to similar obsequies
and ultimate annihilation
that other thing that
fixes you in *me*,
this bastard offspring
our fleshless copulation summoned up
to make the former me
a Phoenix-flame
vanished in the wooing wind . . .
gone as ever was;
the ashes of that other self
will not be gathered back,
and so this bastard me
the truer child
long fatherless
will now be motherless as well
because you’re gone . . .

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at all?