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Third Prize
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From Kathleen Wakefield

You grew accustomed to the silence.
I think you liked it better that way.
You would never have to understand
The loneliness you created
Or the emptiness that has built
A vacant box in me, so big now.
Or witness the tears at the table
On those nights when the lace
Napkins and shining silver weren't
Enough for you. And why
Would you want to speak to me?
Me, the one who fastens the phone
To my ear, waiting to hear your
Hello. Me, the one who takes solace
In the sound of crickets and wind
And looking at your face. No,
You wouldn't understand that. You
Would never see how anything I felt
Was important. You would never miss
The comfort of having me here.
I've grown accustomed to your silence.