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You wanted to
talk to me but
I refused.
If I had heard
what you wanted to say—
your thoughts,
the precarious position
you were put in—
it would have changed
my mind.
And that
would have changed
everything.
And I,
being righteous,
but wrong;
being indignant,
but unworthy
sought to shift
the movement
of that moment.
As if to whisper to you
you will not forget
this girl.