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## BEFORE THE CALM

Behind the false face  
of cool white and green  
The house where I live  
is loud and painful.

The anger flares inside-  
as words slice  
through my heart.

My ears burn-  
I hear my mouth spill  
the hatred  
which overflows  
my brain.

I ache for calm,  
for peace and quiet.  
I no longer desire  
to be in this place.

Escape is short,  
there is no place  
to run.

I must remain in this house  
until resolution comes.



KEVIN AUBREY