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Your love
rests musty dark dry
in the corner
in the curve of your
beautiful old guitar.
Nestled in the rough underside,
your love, untouched,
and so
unpolished
by the oil of my hand
collects dust quiet.
Hiding frightened
of each stroke
that vibrates
soft and loud at once,
your love
refuses to hear my song
and winces
me away.
My love
from my fingers
continues to play
and play, for the corner
in the curve
of your beautiful old guitar
where your love hides
musty dark and dry,
wanting, waiting
to finally hear my song.