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Getting ready for bed
Dodging cans of hairspray
And tubes of Clinique exfoliant
I knock your earring down the sink
(slips with a clank out of sight).
The one like in all those magazines;
"European” you say.
"Taiwan” I say.
“How could you be so careless?”
You scream
And I wonder what part of you
I’ve lost down the sink
That you could be so angry
That you could yell so loud
And then I am quiet
I go to bed without brushing my teeth.
When your subscription runs out
Do you slip with a clank out of sight?

Now when I want to talk to you
I find you in those magazines.
They never yell
And the women with the earrings
Always smile.
They are made in Europe,
Worn to make money
Off people who get lost in a sink.

I scream
“How can you be so careless?”