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### Abstract

A poem.

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## Afternoon Sex

by Graham Murtaugh

The unexpected connection  
unloading groceries. The purple eggplant  
molded perfectly to your hand. I bend  
to close the dishwasher and turn  
into you. A mimic dance, a moment  
where we roam, dip into cups and pockets  
before the call goes out: *all hands report!*  
Move to the bedroom, quickly shuck shirts  
and jeans and socks and tangled bra  
all helter-skelter, dive under covers.  
The mail slot bangs. The neighbors  
with the yapping dogs chat just beyond  
the window. We keep quiet, cram  
our greedy mouths full of the other's tongue,  
grip the handholds God so knowingly provided  
and hang on. We riot in silence.  
Quick as a summer shower it passes, trailing  
a sparkling curtain and the scent of wet pavement.  
We collapse, spent, sleeping the incautious sleep  
of unlooked-for victory.

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