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At Home

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A second-story sauna – cracked plaster,  
century-old musk, settled dust.  
Capricious commode, mildewed grout,  
fickle switches, haggard wood-work.  
Sagging walls, peeling shower caulk,  
scuffed vinyl tile, sink-faucet rust.  
Tarnished brass knobs on double-panel doors,  
busted latches atop drafty panes.  
Pale pine planks creak and crack,  
three radiators belch and grunt.  
Earthen hues cloak lead paint,  
built-in oak shelves ache and bow.

At home, surrounded by so much beauty,  
it's hard to find any one thing  
ugly.