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### **Sunken Song**

Snake bites in the field  
a sharp trance overcomes-

fondling jagged holes,  
he sees the porch

as a dock, awaiting sail.

### **Bayou Deposit**

Twilight grass reflects  
a mailbox's remorse,  
untouched, dust-ridden  
county vehicles on the prowl.

A paperboy tosses a story large  
enough to feed the looming raccoon.

## **Spirochete**

Silence protects nausea,  
roaming  
static untraceable.

Five heartbeats pass,  
a malnourished season remembers-

titer levels fall with the tide.

## **Agoraphobia**

Dream  
as an alibi,  
sins  
as life lived  
a hail like hellfire  
bounces and shimmers.  
No engagements this afternoon,  
an oversized mind can't fit  
inside the undersized room.

## **Ornament**

In the yard,  
glanced and registered  
across a neighbor's  
lowest degree of thought,  
a doll's flickering eye  
like a movie projector  
of the mind.