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Even in early morning light,  
the alleys trap darkness keep secrets 600 years old  
about battles between classes, disease,  
and our falling out, a dynamic  
muted by the ancient walls,  
left unsaid even after we boarded  
the train back home.

I don't know if it was your subtle hints  
or my persistence in ignoring them,  
but we shared silent dinners,  
sipped lattes in the empty café,  
stared out at the stone maze  
that swallowed our voices.

We climbed a mountain, looked down  
on the city from Arthur's seat,  
pressed our hands to the frigid compass  
cemented to the rock in hope it would send us  
in different directions on the way down  
but we were only hushed by the wind pushing hair into our mouths.  
On the train, I leaned on the window you drew magpies gliding deftly down cliff sides and  
never looked up  
because we'd spoken every word  
into the bricks we touched  
and the coffee mugs we cradled  
on our lips while avoiding one another's gaze.