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The dandelions on fire under the sun,  
Bright like bursting bulbs, blinding in their  
final moments. Electricity creeps  
through the ground, the forest floor set aflame.  
In spring, the snow all melts away, leaves seeds  
naked, parted from their resins. This is  
what I'm used to, this is what has changed: we  
watch the lightning from a distance,  
we sleep like embers in the bed, always  
cold, always piling on blankets, hoping  
to ignite, waiting to dig beneath them  
and find the warmth, for light to prick the dark  
from our fingers against the wool. I read  
somewhere that two objects never truly  
touch, bound by themselves to an infinite  
distance – this is fact. But, love -  
why should that stop us from trying?