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light wavers along the line of the window frame an imprint of branches brushed onto the sill still moving trapping my eye while the kindled record sounds grit my thoughts Grandmother tried to teach me piano but the rhythm was trapped in my fingers stiff and smothered you see it there still trembling you stare it down try to leash it under your arm though I tell you I am no musician that I am no songster I cannot make your sound or your mind I can only paint over these keys in blue until the paint drips down between them and sticks in the levers and dries on the strings into one blue mass of melody and I can take your hands in it and print them along the walls and the glass of the window

until the light comes in blue and prints color on my face

—Jessica Kramer '03