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Wants to be a ginger-haired show girl  
with tiny slits of speckled green for eyes  
meet those that are dark  
own thick and unplucked brows.

the young dead men  
work six nights a week  
at the factory, north end  
small Ohio town.

Her sister dances  
as if on smooth gusts of wind  
like a butterfly with breasts.  
moves gracefully.

a dead of night dance—  
daytime adaptation  
for animal eyes and gaps—  
lips parted, coated

heavy drool  
a dog's open jaw  
luminescent liquid lust  
reflects the patches of  
silver light, disco ball.

Watches from wings  
stationary, not flying deftly  
seductively some nights

like butterfly baby doll.  
orange outer radiates  
an uncertain passion

nights when they allow  
their hard eyes  
to burrow inside  
her body's ballet.

—Elizabeth Nutting