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wired currents and radio waves  
rush through the air with an electric hum,  
but they do not linger for long.

other ghosts are silent, the date of  
their death carved like tombstones  
on catalog cards still pasted to  
endpapers. the glue is crumbling and  
the paper yellowed, liver-  
spotted. spines crack and  
ink shatters when they are  
lifted—the ghosts languish  
in the ceaseless advance of time.