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*Sebastian Milla\**

on the first day the world came  
stuttering from a void,  
that sleep enveloping like the mother of a soldier,  
i read your letter to myself  
in what felt like a crowded room  
pressed it my mouth folded it back and forth next to my ear  
i kissed it,  
as if nothing before had ever felt so real-  
journal paper, nothing like the summer  
you spent as smoke, vanishing an inch from my lips  
part lotus and a wander  
sunset at the full depth of the water  
blushing nectarine hues, removing the lemon rinds  
from your mouth as if they were saffron

on the second day god made the back seat,  
i fell asleep on the one-oh-one  
dreaming of robert frost, a gestating earth  
an infant; all wide ochre eyes, birthmarks  
three years old, toddling down the shoreline  
with his mother in tow,  
all that from a little past the fork in the road,  
my head craned over my shoulder

on the third day envy created regret  
so that happiness would stand at a cost  
greater than that of doubting the steps  
that are taken and yet to come.

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