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Structural Damage

Nicole Lynn Jones

There are these thick windows
And there are these thick blinds
But there is nothing unbreakable between us;
I walked past locked doors
And beyond burned bridges.
I swallowed endless jagged horizons
At the concession of another day.
It is the unfinished, condemned buildings
That I cannot forgive.
Time invested in beautiful design
And tactful growth, soon wasted,
The body, fallen not because of the peculiar wind,
But forsaken
To the shaky logic of a woman gone mad.

Escape me now, reluctant city;
Shy unto yourself
And your dimmed reflections
[These amber lights
Refuse to illuminate your face any longer.]