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she lived in words

she put them on her
face every
morning

washed her
hair in them
every night

she whirled
upon a
little 'i'
until dizzy

and fell down
into a fetal
'c'

she would
bunch them
around her
at bedtime

and wrap
them around
her heart
when hurting

she would:
hang them on her wall
set them in her china cabinet
put them on her lawn

and get them to the tip
of her tongue

she lived in words

but never did speak.