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There was a going as you looked away to the wall above my head
And a leaving your body your soul flying up somewhere
Or to someone else's cerebellum who could keep you there
On top of her or him inside outside there in the room
Tasting lips and slamming hips and all the time anchored.

There was a going.

There was a withholding as you never said to me above my pounding
And a skating on the surface ice too thin for heavy vacant you
Or sad you reaching up inside for the you in me the him or her in me
Calling from your closet knob turning to the sound
Of my grunts and pleadings pleasure still believing.

There was a withholding.

There was a knowing as you quiet left and floated forward to your future
And a stealing squeezing round my heart pumping too feminine for you not
knowing or not telling weeping from your childhood bed the secret you lay keeping
Seared into me now somehow loving every soul in you
The ones leaving and withholding
You from mine knowing.

There is a knowing.