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## INHABIT

KATH

REES

clothes hanging  
on a body

Small, some say,  
sugarless,           pale

pulled forward  
like the thought of a question

like the readying  
for a fall

there are times  
when all it wants  
is the sunlit gaze  
of an afternoon

in the pines.           awake i

there are times  
when its skin  
for the years,  
that seeped  
forget-me-not blue  
through  
heavy

growls

August

coats.

times, when this body lifts its lungs  
in thanks  
for another rotation

because it can, because it will.

moments,  
when it refuses  
to merely,  
be seen:

a song that returns to you like water

five stubborn fingerprints on your shoulder

a necklace resting on the petal-like memory of a scalpel

Stay,

Stay,

Stay.

