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By Brittany Mann

I stared into the glass eyes
of a stiff face drooping
with the moment it realized
the admiration of mishappen circles
lasts in the unstitchable
threads of practice of age
the things he did not give

A once life mounted
on the wall of profit
its antlers for pride
a father died
before me, the child
lost hugs unrelenting
as if from a tree
lost a nod to the path
a body in the shape
of midges and sun streaks
glowing orange
pick themselves into
homicidal air

Stale tobacco smells

like a taxidermy smile