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## Ants

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*Bridget Haley*

corpses scattered across my dorm room floor  
send morse-coded messages  
with their poisoned bodies  
to my fragile mind

their march halted unexpectedly  
they mime their stomp  
as it echoes in my mind  
resonates in my skull

pungent poison seeps through the walls  
piles of death line the corners of my home  
in which i sleep with fits of dreams  
fearful they will return  
and fight for the family  
i massacred  
and suffocate me in my sleep  
by crawling through my mouth,  
nostrils, eyes,  
until i am hollow  
and cleaned out