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## Lords and Gods of Light and Thunder

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When those men upstairs have finally had enough,  
they'll flip the switch and leave us in the dark,  
frozen in fear of moving through unknowns. But,  
when they aren't watching, we can peek over the edges  
of the boxes that divide us, and whisper about  
what fun we had, fumbling in the light.

On that day, we'll decide to split open our old bones  
and from the marrow, evaluate what it meant to love:  
we'll say that by extracting this, we found the exact  
coordinates of the light that lets us see each other.

If only that light had lasted long enough, we could have shared  
all the lies that led us here together in the first place,  
then wonder why, when our eyes had grown accustomed  
to the sun, we were so blind to what we had.

What is the real reason why we cleave to each other?  
We pretended that it was just because we held one another  
so close: tasted tears in salt streaks down our face.

But we both know the real reason. Once, you saw  
in me what lords and gods of light and thunder

saw in us, and they blasted through the clouds  
trying to spell it out, trying to save us

from the rain that followed.