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I thought it was love
You gave me a satin
Wedding from my flat dream magazine
Later tied the sash at the back
Of my yellow dress
Then bent my head
For an aching pink strand of pearls
At the dinner table you slowly
Moved my chair in as if I were a child
Such charm was ether
My worries fell like petals at my feet
Picking one up I felt infinite luck
So pure and white with the snap
Of my last hung linen sheet
Now weakened by chemo I looked
Into the glare of my hospital window
I had fuzz on my head like a little old man
The nurses whispered behind masks
I tapped lime jello to test my appetite
I asked you one evening
To bring over my zebra slippers
You said there had been a glitch at work
Tired, *Masterpiece Theater* was on
I knew then I could leave you

-Judith Levison
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