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How many times! this doorbell

smelling your sweat must know

nothing's changed and the dry sleep

through the night –the button

has forgotten how, curls up

with someone who isn't there

though this all-at-once-familiar nudge

can't keep you away, outside

it's still rain and darkness

always some touch pressing down

a somewhere note, half embraced

half pounded, by itself heads into

the constant fear it's her name

that falls from the night sky

with no help in remembering

—for years! you don't first knock

sure this door will bring it down

leave only the earthquake and walls.

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