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## **When You Want Me Least**

You, who are so different, can't be  
expected to agree on anything  
with me. I just need you to hold me long enough  
to understand what is written on the small tag attached  
to my toe, and then you can go.

There are streamers and iridescent ribbons  
for you to reflect on  
while you sit here with me, in the dark  
a newspaper with your name written in black felt pen  
over the original headlines  
memories of what we could have had  
if you had only become the president, or the Pope.

The real memories  
are still here, somewhere, as well as  
the rest of my heart. You  
can wrap them all to go  
if you want to forget.

Holly Day