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I miss the ides monthly,
giving them no thought,
each morning its own portent.
A bright light glares
ominously above red wet eyes
and cheeks in day-old shadow.
Something peers out
from darkness, followed
me from a dream to lurks
just behind me, waiting
to leap out. No mind,
I forget to pay attention
and step right by
into another mediocre day.

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