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Thunder slams against the floor  
in concentric semicircles  
beneath the white, textureless  
ceiling, nipping fur-covered  
haunches with snapping teeth, pulling  
up tan carpet loops behind  
open crescent claws, clipped short  
just last week, when you wrapped  
your teddy-bear body around  
my taut wrist like a serpent,  
kick'd up t'ward my unshaven face.  
Tufts of black hair, dandruff, and  
neon-painted nail caps float down  
past your rolling ribcage, you  
two hot-lap the empty hallway,  
I run my pen on top of  
mountains, the scabbing trail bisect-  
ing my plumping cheek, and the  
moon closes yellowed eyelids  
behind the cover of clouds.