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In three weeks,
I fly back to England
after five years away.
I remember what happened
last time I returned,
how the shapes and colors
had a familiarity
my home here lacks,
a difference everywhere and nowhere—
the patterns on the dresses,
the style of the lamposts,
the cut of the houses—
all of it pressed into me
before I could read.
All of it waiting for me,
but none of it enough
to make me want to go,
to smile at other people's parents
when my own will never stand
at the front door
calling me home.