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And her twin brother was dead.  
A full moon lit up the morning —  
the sky hardly noticed the light.

Rain left slick on cracked  
pavement, on the roughened  
bark of the trees. And he was

dead. Downtown, in the café,  
talk was of weekends and money,  
voices hummed over tea.

In the market, mandarins  
flamed, winter greens  
breathed in their bins. Somewhere,

whales breached in their roads.  
In her meadow, the new colt stood up.  
And he was dead. An old woman

crossed in the crosswalk.  
The newspaper slapped to the porch.  
A child brought home his skinned knee.

Blood moved in her pulse points.  
And *never* turned into *always*, and a black  
bird brought twigs to a nest.

