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by Earl Coleman

The sun pokes jaundiced finger tentatively
into dawn's abiding fog. Persists—despite
the odds that it will be eclipsed.

My heart persists. Between my ear and pillow
hear it tentatively beat; in my midnight room,
the distant street lamp on the window-blind.

The sun will often shine for weeks on end before
the rain and fog can swallow it; the distant gull
bewails its hunger in the midst of so much fish.

