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*Westview Poetry Contest Student Winner*

by Amber Thompson

The coppery softness of cinnamon  
sticks to my fingers.

It is dusk, and tomorrow  
we will hang Christmas lights.

The smell of apples folds itself into  
weighty yellow rose petals

—petals whose blooms have watched our  
dinner and our games  
and our fussiness—

like sweet batter.

In defeat,

I slide an “E” tile across the table.

The moment is suspended in syrup,  
warmed by jeans too tight for more cravings  
but soft enough  
for laughter.