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by Jill Jones Tourian

In my personal mythology, the sun is a “she”
possessed of warmth, beauty, and power.

On most mornings, I am awake to greet her and to delight
in all her varieties: from muted glimmer behind cloud cover,
to Homer’s “rose-fingered” dawn, to the brilliant reds of the sailors’
warning.

For a couple of days in late October,
in her seasonal movement, she peeks through my bathroom window
at just the right angle to send a sharp, narrow beam into the next
room
onto my bed and onto my pillow,
bestowing an annual kiss—also a part of my personal mythology.