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coals drip and layer  
brick and mortar  
ash lines the windows to murmur  
this is alive  
to anyone asking  
breath oxidizes until even  
stone steps are  
worn and green  
faces glisten with grime  
rain or glare from traffic  
scrape your boots yet the door won't  
fit its frame  
the roots bulge between stories  
reminding or remembering  
or reaching smoke  
in the gutter  
settling as if it were warm  
frankly, nothing is like a potted plant  
so where is your loose change  
don't look down

