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You miss the garden.
The snow peas and carrots and zucchini,
The crab apple tree
And each time the morning glories
Opened up against the chipped barn.
And you miss running between rows
Of damp sheets pinned on clotheslines
Until your vision blurred.
You have forgotten us. Come back.
We could be in that same safe space
Where you learned many ways to be still
And restless.
You can almost see them waiting for you
In pale sunlight,
Holding on
In the decomposing garden.