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Buried in the mud
The dark seemed natural.

Do you know what I was?
Early light.
Almost belief.

Little paradigm
Trapped in the earth.
Brilliant yellow
In dream first

Then I bloomed
Against the dark,
Ochre and riot.

The wild buttercup,
A weed, a bitter thing
That surprised you
In the narrow garden
Where I have no place.

I wanted to be
Made into an image
Of departure

At the border,
In favor of the field,
I go further away,
And I see myself more clearly.