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Miscellanea

Memory

Stephanie, age 11, who was brought to the hospital by police after her mother broke a glass serving tray across her foot, tells me about her dream.

I dreamt
I was back at home.
My family was sitting in my
empty
bedroom.
There was an opening
in the ceiling
with helium balloons wedged inside.
A gush of gray water
trickled beneath our chairs.
My little brother and I
crept to the floor, laughing.
My mother turned toward me.
Her mouth and eyes
were missing.
All that remained of her face
was a hollow,
empty hole.
We returned to our chairs.

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