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Wet clothes on the line revolve.
A door you can't pass. See shapes

of bodies you thought you were
in damp cotton jeans silk shirts.

Feel the person that tight-sized
clothing tells you to believe.

But she's not there. Just behind

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the glass. Even if fingers

aren’t scar tissue. Still you press
hard past sensation. The air

hurricanes but the door won’t
open an inch. Though the shape

seems to revolve. No feeling
you trust offers you access

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