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After the Fourth Hospital Stay

He lost his soul in a playground, he says, when he was 8 years old
lying on the ground, his sister next to him
he giggled and gobbled pieces of the sky

eyes somewhere where the sky tasted like Coca-Cola and laughter
it must have slipped out of his mouth with all that laughing, he says

And I am thinking of his third floor bathroom,
Sea foam green and full of mirrors,
with his blood still clotted in the grout.

He wraps his arms around me,
tells me that he has already planned his epitaph,
and at night he dreams of a gravestone
can't you see? he puts my hand on his chest,
I am empty.