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VOICE

Inaudible voice, silent voice,
voice in my head, voice of my head,

speaker of my thoughts, speaker
of thoughts I do not think but hear

in my thoughts when I am thinking,
voice of my brother, I have no brother,

tell me what I should do, tell me
I should not listen to you, if only

they could hear you, may they
never hear you, voice of my dead,

my child voice calling into the hallway
for comfort no one gets anymore,

though no one forgets, my dark
voice who lies with me every night

keeping me awake until you've
worried your words to sleep,

come here, sick voice, stern, pathetic
voice of my father, voice that tells

stories over and over, how does
hurting me protect me, sweet, worried

voice of my mother, voice that repeats
until words have no meaning, voice

that rehearses every word, cruel voice,
come here, only stories end, which are

words flocking to other words
like blood cells to wounds, come here.