

## Corey D. Cook

### “memorial day”

i ask him to leave  
and he does  
this time

pulls each car seat  
from the back  
of his sedan  
and lines them up  
by the stone wall

tosses his house key  
onto the bristly  
welcome mat

drives away slowly  
as our kids hang  
from the monkey bars  
like solemn flags

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