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**The Burning of Anger**

If anger at the beloved is a crime,  
it must be arson  
scorching histories,  
searing timbers to ash.

Sniff retardants in certain  
pheromones. Hesitate  
for kite tails  
furling over flame.

A life sentence is rowing  
in forgiveness,  
watching flints and clinkers sink  
in swift rush to waterfalls.

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