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friend who calls

here's
the difference
my divorce's
first days
alone
in a loaner
house heavy
thick drapes
and not a
voice in
sight reached
for the phone
more times
than tears
but said let's
see who calls?
silence is molten
and filled day one
day two month one
an entire
past of relationships
like lead this
morning you
called an
occurrence regular
as window sun
and brighter
did I wake you?
you asked
you have no
idea I hope
I said

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