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In the corner of my room
stand—like color guards—

parallel stacks of batteries,
each with a metal spoon,
waiting patiently for me to heat up

in the darkness, the quiet darkness,
and pay homage to my death.

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