

Perhaps
A window?

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everyday i ask myself if i know what a fever feels like
and pull my lower lip over the tip of my nose

35 years living with

the difference between a chill and a draft

i read that chills occur when the brain feels overheated

stranded and steaming

chills speak

given no choice

skin responds with sudden

shocked only briefly into

the same electricity sparked by splendour

a test in reading signals

shuddering reminders that we inhabit

a long-distance ride

i still marvel that my mother knew when we were feverish

just by holding the back of her hand to our foreheads

(could she tell i'd prepared for her arrival by

hovering my forehead in front of my night light for a full minute?)

i temporarily blinded myself in the process

A day in ginger ale

face pressed against the windowpane

i drew happy faces in cheek print grease

the outside world in suspended peach fuzz patterns

interfaces exist between skin and the world

slept with in bed,

warmed and lit from within as

evidence of impermeability

only as transparent as the day it's cleaned

everyday thereafter

documentation in evaporation

non-porous and adherent

progressive opacity

traced with emotional coolness

of impermeability

the refusal to absorb

separates us from being

traced with the emotional coolness of impermeability.

The refusal to absorb

separates us from being

holds every smudged attempt at reunion

renders boundaries

There's a certain quiet pleasure

in possibility

it was on that kind of day

with brow sweat

it was on those days,

i learned

looking for
the heat within

this body! and still i don't know

in hallucinatory demands

prickles

cooling

fear

temporary forms

a nameless driver

the street below

alone at last

glass

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meeting

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hastily

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