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Imagine My Love Underneath These Years

My underlove wears cigarette pants and lace-up espadrilles,
a pale blue blouse autographed with a teenager's lemon perfume;

so quiet she nearly misses the green station of desire—
the rush of wind rocking and rolling through old train windows.

Imagine, this underlove travelling towards you in the shape
shifting worldliness of the now: our flesh catching bright as apple

wine down our throats. Let's forego the glitter glue v
of virginity. Instead, I'll summon you and the tracks

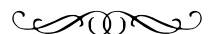
knocking at our backs—we'll split open lost time
and arrive as newly minted goddesses, tilt-a-whirling

and sliding above the boardwalks of Paragon Park.

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