## Mom & Me

still mom's little girl though I'm old enough to drink with her

turning twenty mom's arms around me as we doze off to the tv lf

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the adult sickbed too much to bear... where is mom now?

missing mom's chicken noodle soup my runny nose and me drive to the store crimson swells on my finger cursing dad mom never liked roses

sunlit tulips nod their heads in the park her favorite flower like my sisters

i miss you texts from mom no more after work phone calls

her hands smooth my hair in the mirror like mother, like me

porch picture side by side auntie says she can barely tell us apart

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