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## CONDENSATION

*Alexandra Woolner*

After you've wound the dial down  
and the steam is clearing,  
the paint chips flake and fall.  
When you push back the curtain,  
the clogged drain gurgles low.  
Half lost and thinking of survival  
you washed off  
all the stains of childhood and  
stand in silty puddles  
of everything you wish you were.  
You towel off the lingering drips,  
like tears you didn't own  
comb out the tangles,  
and let the last eyelash fall  
this time without asking  
to be anybody else.