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CECILIA

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“The trees like lungs filling with air
My sister, the mean one, oulling my hair”
- Cecilia Lisbon in her diary, from *The Virgin Suicides*

As a ghost I know more than you.
I move through the air like a cloud of fish-flies
in June, and watch you in your sleep.

You know nothing but me in the grass
in my hemmed wedding gown, bleeding
in the bath, run through
on the spike of the fence, drained grey
and frail in the casket.

Do not turn your eyes away but instead
to where you have always turned them:
the dark house with the dark panes
behind which I move
and every so often dive through.