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disappears behind granite  
and is never heard from  
again. We don't quite  
believe this. She could  
have gone to the museum  
or called her girl friend  
to meet her for lunch  
but instead took the  
metro to the cemetery  
as if to lie down with the  
dead one who always said  
her lips brought him  
back to life. It was a warm  
day for December even  
tho it was the day of  
the least light. She was  
wearing the denim mini  
I had in my closet,  
her hair almost as long  
as red as mine. Some might  
suppose I'm that woman,  
it seems there are clues.  
But listen, the buried  
man was already dead to  
me before he slept  
under the grave in this  
city and the me who would  
have banged myself  
raw on his metal  
door had already grown  
skin too thick to feel