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HONORABLE MENTION

SUNDAY

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The wonder of Sunday:
Brenda Starr and Prince Valiant and Apartment 3G;
pizza in front of Ed Sullivan, The Toast of the Town.
My mother unpinned her hat,
the one she wore to Sunday mass.
*Have you ever had a gnawing
in your stomach?* She asked.
A yearning without a name?
The pulse quickened in her throat,
in that soft indentation.
It's your soul longing for God.
She stabbed the crown with her pin.
I didn't understand that Sunday
could be a lonely day—
all that blessed sameness.