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A NEW SONG FOR JOHNNY

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Even still, buried man, all of it really happened, what in some quarters passes as life, the routine jabberwocky of machines and men, beats beating blithely in the background, the man, the part of a man, landing in the backyard, landing in the river, a park across the street, teeming on sundays, love reduced to its outings, to singing that soon becomes shouting, and singular nouns in the gutter, tiny, washed-out, wounded nouns, with egos that shrink and squish beneath the rain, then cymbals crashing, smacking bells to rouse the eunuchs from their stupors, the resurrection forest, dewy green with stone announcements, bursting forth with silent pride, unfolding like the butterfly, unlikely yet happening, despite all disbelief,