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THE OWL
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The owl
flying from dark woods
on wide eyes of wings

carries out from shadow
the lank beast of our secret
in her moon-
curved beak

beats behind us
as we run panting

takes us
our small bones

takes the nape
delicately
in her black hands

always
the owl comes sailing
out of the place we cannot look at

on easy wings on currents of ice