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Clay: A Tornado of Nothing

A TORNADO OF NOTHING

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Coffee in advance, the news humming from the TV
one room over and yet you cannot imagine ever
being who you are without imagining the person
the news might report you as being, should you just plain

disappear one day. There is conclusive evidence
about a number of things and your existence is one of them.
You trip on a rock and find your place. You parallel park
and the universe creaks along on its careful ledge as if

something bigger than all of us exists. Most people want
to be good for something. Most people punctuate their
afterthoughts with nonsense as if nonsense was a right.
The news still hums itself to sleep even though it never

sleeps. Silence and then noise. You are starting to believe
that a dozen years—any way you look at it—is the same as one.