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This longing is untenable.

Define untenable: shaky
Unable to be defended, weak
Unlivable. Then, my longing is

a house you can no longer live
in, its walls scripted for foreclosure
due to unsustainable conditions.

Festering foundations, is what
they whisper. Built upon the sands
of time, no wonder it wouldn't last,

no wonder she's collapsing under
the harsh strain of expectation—yet
lost, still, in one room within, the stark

reality of its futility paling in comparison
to drinking in the light of your laugh,
a single endless night spent savoring

the stretch of time between glances,
words spun into the air. Enraptured by
your gaze, your smile, the electricity

of touch, the taste of chocolate
lingering in your mouth. Balloons
living and breathing and dying

in the shadows beneath the bed.