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## Wanted to Be Your Twin

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i loved when we wore  
identical dresses  
our hair braided  
with the same colored-ribbons

our temperaments were  
hill and valley  
yours was peppermint  
mine red-ginger

you preferred  
being curled  
on your side like an s  
book close to your eyes  
breath even body still  
except when you turned the pages

i was fearlessly talkative  
longed for the horizon  
beyond our yard  
climbed tress  
and swam naked in the canal

together  
we hopped around  
on one leg giggling  
then falling to the ground  
swooning under the sun

but we also linked arms  
and used a long piece of stick  
to beat the bully  
who teased us