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she knows his engine’s sound
& the car door closing
waits at the window
    scissors blinds open & shut

perfects her blouse’s neckline
    brushes perfume
    through her hair
tosses a soft cloud of scent

    puts away dry dishes
sweeps  flosses
    sorts ATM slips out of her wallet

she knows his tread in the hallway
    his key in the lock
makes herself  not-quite-ready
    when he arrives
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