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Dread says
 It's not that I'm
 Impenetrable
 I'm the pale mirror
 You refuse to call home,
 Your birthright
 The caul you abject
 The cord around
 Your neck
 I'm umbilical
 You only see me
 When you zone
 Your browns & blacks
 Behind walls, their hair
 & eyes & lips so full
 Of the truth you want
 To taste, erase, own
 But you can't darken
 The faces you face
 Every mourning day—
 Enough blood for
 Your bath now, huh?
 Enough friend requests
 & IG/Snapchat memes
 To hide behind yet? I'm
 You every day all day—
 Smile for the camera
 It may be the last time