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Something Akin to Knowing

Korey Wallace

I realize standing in front of the grill
Listening to meat spit sizzle
That there is no need for heroes.
For once, maybe, it can be this—
Steaks and sweet corn. Sweet tea.
Motorcycles crashing through deep blue.

Flower blooms

spilling across an all too easy wind.

Photo: "Yellow Summer" by Carol Bedell

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ENDNOTES

D.R. James

¹ Like sharks stopping short of swimming the length of an estuary into its lake.

² First in line, now grown, he ebbed out of grief.

³ While she slept, belladonna plagued her dreams.

⁴ In this case, female indigo buntings.

⁵ His speech augured work for all but also an ontological raison d'être.

⁶ The sisters, long weary of kitchen work, waded through the forest glade's waist-high grass.

⁷ As if on cue, the gloom cleared; each mind turned.

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