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Sorry to Disappoint *Rachel Trueblood*

i dropped a tube of
lipstick the other day, then
i stomped it slow. Thick

plastic paste stuck to
my off-white sole and i caked
the hardwood floor red

[the smudgesmear felt nice]
Like the way it feels dipping
hands in melted wax

Or the way the sun
glints smug enough to sear skin
Like wrapping fingers

in stray needle thread
so tighttighttight that a blue
swells to the surface

and i craved that small
feeling a little more so
i plucked a crayon

from a weathered box;
i squeezed it in my palm til
it snapped, and they sighed.