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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF’S CHOICE AWARD

mind is sparks—
stars shooting ever whiz-way
but quik!shot through,
harpooned
with wire coiled to a spring
to bouquet antennae on me.
or, no,
each star a bee on a string
strung out to nectar-seek and
bring(string) it back to the hydraulic honeycomb.
bee-loved home
and
conversations quickshoot
through on the telephone
wires wrapped thick and peep-prone
(glasses or no)
overflown
coop’d, nest’d, behest’d bequest for
the best bedrest side manners
and frontseat banners for
plans in dayplanners that took a backseat to
white sheet, tabula rosa-cheeked
then
flatline, fräulein
well
Time to shine.

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