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Closet

A lifetime
Of secrets
Of hiding to assemble
Some semblance of a life

Clothes unworn
Books
Childhood remnants
Years without touch

Piled high
In the closet

Your curiosity
Forces you to pull back the curtain

One more carefully curated lie
Gone in a puff of clarity

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