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by Christina Hedding

Cat hair, you clingy piece
of annoyance.
How is it that you
are everywhere,
on everything I own?
My new sweater
not even removed
from its bag, begins
to mirror your
ticked color.

Why cat hair,
did you choose to
grace the sugar cookies
I made for work
with your pencil-tip thin
presence? Appearing in
pastel pink frosting as
a reminder to everyone
that I'm single?

You invade my dinners
like pepper in my soup
& salt on my eggs.
Your owner lacking
the ability to open
the refrigerator, yet
there you are, oh vile shard
sticking out from beneath
the tightened milk cap
as I lap the last drops
from my cereal bowl.

When I sleep, I fear
awakening in a coughing fit
resulting in the production
of my own hairball.
Oh cat hair,
how can it be that
a community of your friends
has changed the color
of my couch arms coating
them in layers of black snow?
I attempt its removal
scratching with my own claws.