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You were a tree, twisting and contorting
your limbs around my heart, and thwarting
all attempts I made to keep to my own.

You were rays of the sun; you had sown
the warmth in my lucid bones, frozen deep
until the touch of another seeped
through every extension of my being.

You were a whisper of wind, seeing
in which ways and how my spirit fluttered,
and what it took for skin to shudder
against the bitter cold of disregard,
wounding further one already marred.