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Two Poems

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Green and gold hang from the branches
of the drooping pine and
gold beads weave through the mementos of our childhood as
the tv turns blue. We sigh in contentment
at the adventures of Jo, Beth, Amy, and Meg.

Tomorrow, we would receive chocolate oranges in our
handmade stockings—
the same every year. They would be wedged
at the bottom, filling out the knitted toe.
A handy placeholder.

Always, the six of us tried our best to save and section
the small gift
throughout the chilled brown months
of the new year.

Afterwards, I would remember
the scene in little women where the sisters
were all gifted sunlit oranges.
My mother told me it was a luxury.

Though, I didn't need that to be explained,
as I kept the reflective blue foil wrapped
carefully around the orange-tinged chocolate
for months to come.