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## Two Poems

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### **eulogy for the giant water bug in the target parking lot**

streetlights spoke with you,  
little lighthouses beckoning titanic—  
but you are my moby doll  
and the harpoon is my needle  
in your exoskeleton  
serrating like your pincers  
dragging prey to the coulee depths  
and delivering the killing blow. in these rivers  
you may be nøkken's violin, but here?  
your angel wings fumble  
across the parking lot.

your collision into target  
reminds me of drowning:  
swimming pool blues  
haloing my body  
on vhs tape. I wonder if  
that's how you feel  
when I carry you in my purse  
and take you home  
where I lay you to rest  
in the back of the freezer.  
as your body surrenders,  
are you dreaming in vhs  
or of winter?