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## Looney Tunes

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## LOONEY TUNES

The floor dropped out  
so I became the floor  
face down gripped crumbling corners  
with nails of finger and toe  
adjusting and readjusting  
for a more reliable purchase  
though funds were short  
and my allowance small

the others  
brother sister mother  
moved on back  
settled in on my young shoulders  
reclaimed space  
rearranged furniture  
each to his or her own

never once looked down to ask  
*whatever became of*  
as if they knew  
in looking they might realize  
how much nothing gaped beneath  
feel their own weight  
and be obliged to fall  
in an endless downward spiral

lost as the cartoon characters  
and cozy Saturday mornings  
shared with my father  
before he dropped out