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Call me your girl—your darling
dear X, uncreated. Wed and bed me
in open ocean unknown. Offer over
your errors, strip me the purpose
of wings and the brightness of blossom.
Cover my flesh in chaos, in fevers,
and fingers. For worse, for worse, scratch
a match on my walls, and burn my name
in flame—set my devils to wind, release
my signature in a strangle of smoke.
Let your aches throb through me
and mold my metals blank in our every
ember. Split me and stitch me again
and again, however you can, however
many times it takes, just make me a mother.