

i m m o l a t e [im·mo·late | \ ˈi-mə-ˌlāt] (v.)

- i. to offer in sacrifice
- ii. to kill as a sacrificial victim
- iii. to kill or destroy, especially by fire
- iv. i found a man outside my window
at three in the morning. he'd scotch
taped flower petals to his teeth and
they creased against his grin when he told me,

"i am coming in. let me."

he smelled like blue cheese sourdough
and i gave him my largest ball of yarn
(pink and soft). he flossed with it between
his ears as his bones did strange things
to my dusty carpet.
he said,

"you could be warmer. i met god today."

he pulled the floss taut and looked at me
i said, "oh?"
and he licked his lips.

"he smelled like crest toothpaste
and your grandfather's old fishing line,
and he said you should let me in.
he told me many secrets
and i hold them inside my stomach now,
like a smaller god."

his large intestine wiggled
and he smacked it back into place.
i said, "what secrets did he tell you?"
and he said,