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*Vassar Miller Poetry Award Honorable Mention*

I make myself dinner for the first time in a long time.  
I even have two burners going at once.  
The door to the kitchen is closed, the door to the balcony  
is open. I taste the sauté  
as it cooks, I time the noodles by feel.

Everything is delicious, even the old fish.  
Your sweat is still in my sheets from five days back,  
and you don't matter!  
I chew the stems of the mustard greens  
for their greenness: they taste sweet.