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Honorable Mention for the Vassar Miller Award

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the kind wind blows softly while sour minutes
sink to the bottom of an hour,
time forgoes the thought of nature—

a carpool line at a catholic school ends.
a boy waits very long for his father;
a deaf grief grips his vocal chords.

here, he will pray on his knees
for his father to come soon.
I will wait with loneliness in my boy chest
the way sunflowers do at night for the sun.