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## **Knife**

A country is a toddler's hand  
that holds you as long as it can before it falls asleep.

A city is a clipboard with lists built and crossed out,  
clutched like a punctuated flotation device.

A house is a curled mollusk  
fossilized as soon as milk goes sour.

A room is a patient stone in kidneys  
kept alive by conflict and clay.

A heart is a spoon  
most of the time.