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If You Look Back

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you don't know what you'll step on in a dark alley,
behind the school, where someone was leaving someone,
where a small betrayal announced big defeats.

If you take a wrong step, you'll be blinded by a flash of memory,
your ulcer bursts, your brain hemorrhages. You wonder innocently;
for new illnesses you can't see old wounds.

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