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ASLEEP

We fall asleep curled around each other's
Dips and hollows, long eyelashes closed over
Still-young cheeks, our bodies
Soft and exhausted. We are children, gone quiet
After hours of whispered secrets.
Today, our love is simple.
If I could stand up and slip out of sleep and skin—
See my own face peeking through clouds of white down,
His hand on my hip as it rises
And falls with the deep breath of dreams,
I'd like to tuck us both in a little tighter.
I'd like to kiss his forehead
And then my own.

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