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The worst comes to pass, and I don't need to worry about it anymore. My hands and arms

and the letter opener and the wild anticipation of the end of my life: over. I wake up ready to say aloud into the mirror *Here we are again, my faithless enemy*, but the worst is already come to pass. The small drawer

is empty, my orchards burned. There, the missile streaking down the sky. There, a delinquent garroting an elder. There, a restaurateur raping a niece. The sea of metaphor has become a real sea and I am

already drowned in it, blue-
black and floating, and now
there is nothing to worry
about...

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