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## EPHEMERAL THE BRUSH STROKES

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ephemeral,  
the brush strokes of the rainbow,  
the notes of the accordion.  
hanging in the air, tenuous,  
music and light and color.

two feminine figures  
huddled against each other,  
forming community —  
that is to say, temporary  
connection — a bond  
of humanity that exists  
in time, that must have existed  
somewhere.

the light fades into gray;  
the music into silence and rain.