

Mother Died Tomorrow

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nasturtium

epoxy

ulcer

unguent

words she can't define

delinquent

flamingo

invisible

powerboat

words she can't pronounce

death of Uncle Aminadab

anniversary trip to Boulder

birth of Joey

birth of Joey Jr

memories that no longer exist

the golf course fire

the wedding by the lake

the Christmas the car wouldn't start

skylights in the bedroom

memories that no longer make sense

to serene a ballerina

to quickly the stars

to immunize her property tax

to remarry Guadalcanal

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her dreams

radish hearts
Sinai nights
a vanished autumn
a burnished cross

her hopes

because
unless
whatever
although

subordinating conjunctions she mistakes for nouns

