

Junkite Street

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Down winding roads,
past the peeling birch
and aging pine,

through the mailboxes
that line the drive,
you will find the faded blue
house on the right,

where thick and sticky milkweed
grows along the fence line,
and raspberry bushes and crabapple trees
grow abundant in spite.

The sun shines through the dusty blinds
reflecting inside a rickety white toaster,
with breadcrumbs burnt to the bottom
scattered like freckles through tattered t-shirts.

Worn carpet, faded refrigerator magnets,
and yellowed wallpaper look for

laughter, or a smile, but settle for the silence.

You could tear down that drywall,
pry off the stained oak trim,
strip it down to its bare bones,
but you won't find me there.

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