



Impossible Belonging

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BIRTHDAY

*On the hottest day of summer, my mother & father
chase each other with meringue pies on paper plates.
I remember the smack of cream on my face
& crying because I never saw them so dangerous,
so inside their bodies like that: my mother
howling up the driveway as my father's pie hits
the threadbare blue of her back. I try to hide
between two bikes in the garage, but their laughter
fills the sky & the air — & I am spared nowhere.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (March / April 2023)

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