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As She Lay in Her Bathtub, Holding a Flute of Wine

Miss P—'s voice often returned to details of her first love the way

a line of cursive must sometimes pause in its progress to dote upon

undotted 'i's, or loop back gracefully, spawning 'o's and 'l's—the way

great scenes rewind again and again when we aim our remotes.

Usually, a Newfoundland dog, unhappy on damp bathroom floor,

would nevertheless wait patiently for the narrative to knot itself.