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ANOTHER KIND OF SORROW

When they called to tell me you were dead, I dropped to my knees, pressed my head to the floor.

How many years had I dreaded that moment? How many times had I panicked after calling you for hours—

then raced across town to find you at the door, key in hand, with groceries or a laundry bag?

When they called to say you'd died, I knew without thinking: This is it. And it was.

Then three years passed and I started to recover, which feels to me like another kind of sorrow.

The day you died, I knew what I was losing. But now—well—now, it's lost.

—Jody Bolz