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## **BIRTHMARK**

by **Cherise Bacalski**

Winter winks through broken  
    glass at trunks of topless  
trees grown south—you screech and  
    slosh in silence, unaware  
my body's aperture's alive  
    in the quietest clicks  
of your tongue—  
    My taste sits hard in your mouth;  
your fist, hot, in my hand.