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...The day after, like
all the others,
after. Except, this one—
filled with pain— not the pain
insisting you return to where the day
before ended, No.
This is refreshing...
Alive.

I drift on yesterday —
recollecting the events,
flashes of delicate bliss
entangled with a daunting discomfort.
I am in disarray,
Brimming with an embarrassed pride.

Was it all real?

...You did actually see me smile?

The answers are so obvious, but —
real?

I suffer the pain.

I recall with a haunting precision the acts to which my body has surely contributed.
And yet a tranquil sensation; like a cigarette after sex,
has gently settled upon me.
So peculiarly real.
Alive.

I can't wait
for tomorrow.