

HEX

Constipation so severe
you insert a spit-slick finger
to the third knuckle.
A shaky internet connection,
pinwheeling every time
you hit send or confirm.
To notice your only friend
fears you. To fall asleep again
with the TV on. Yesterday's snow
encased in ice at the end of the driveway.
To talk to the empty chair. To trace the shape
of redemption, too late.
Accusing eyes at family gatherings.
Dry rot in the walls.
A sparsely-attended funeral.
A grammatically flawed
epitaph.