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KARYNA MCGLYNN is originally from Austin, TX. She is also the author of a chapbook of flash fiction, *Alabama Steve* (Destructible Heart Press, 2008). Her poems and reviews have appeared in *Gulf Coast*, *Willow Springs*, *Fence*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Indiana Review*, *CutBank*, and elsewhere. Karyna is the recipient of the Hopwood Award and the Zell Postgraduate Writing Fellowship at the University of Michigan where she received her MFA. She currently teaches writing at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor where she lives with the multimedia artist Adam Theriault. Her website is <www.karynamcglynn.com>.

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WHEREVER A GIRL'S BEEN GROUNDED

I close her pressboard door, click the flimsy lock,
pull a nightgown over her tartan skirt, baby-T, padded bra.

I prepare the minutiae of her escape: ball-up her stockings,
shove an ATM card down her underwear, spit in her palms.

I look up into the endless white climb of her closet,
test the strength of the shelves, give her a leg up.

Now she crowns through the floor of her attic,
surprised by the ease with which all gives way above her—

See how she dives up through the dark scuttle-hole:
upward dog, rising star, toe-to-toe, head low.

Pink meadows of insulation stretch from the crossbeam.
She hears her parents' huge bodies shift in the king-sized bed.

I tranquilize the dog, as, somewhere over the garage,
she unfolds a ladder quiet as hair and stops to listen

mid-flight: a gecko frozen in the sudden porch light.
My chest floods with false alarm but, quick as anything,

she slithers under the lip of the carport and out
into that dwindling yes, some lovely old black night.

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