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A Theory of Everything

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Neighbors, cousins, husbands, wives
are sure:

it must have been there
for a while. A spot of blood,

an open sore, a lump inside a scar,
a cough that feels too deep,

an ache that doesn't fade—
more proof that ignorance

is ignorant of bliss. In a ten minute visit
they want to tell you everything

then tell you everything again.
They ask themselves what if—

if only they hadn't,
if only they had.