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FIRST APPEARED IN *WTF PWM*

it's like a locket but also
like Penny's computer book from Inspector Gadget
(under tights, under lace...)

it's like a pre-adolescent wearing tight jeans saying I'm
a Samantha

it's like missing a credit card payment

fists for ovaries

I'll admit I've been swayed by a sparkling spoon

it's...

watching a friend being taken away in a car
giddily, he waves to you from the passenger seat
you stand on the corner, the driver not offering you a ride

the name of my imaginary band is Kill The Colony

it's like a pregnancy dream with
no men

like an *oh-no-she-deh-ent* letter to the editor
strangers wave, they say *great letter*

my father as a young boy carves
Born To Be Wild in the boards
of the corn crib

he didn't have to tell me this
I can feel my DNA like a razor