The Map Reader (The Alembic)

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THE MAP READER

Before the rain tied your hands
you had a talent with maps.

When you opened one
it would billow before you
like a sail and then you’d fold
and fold it down
into a fat little square
you could really pore over.

We never went anywhere.

That’s what was so
interesting about us.

But you really had a way
with those unwieldy maps.