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Evening Music

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after dinner the mosquitoes come out
to bite in the night
I swat them away with a paper fan she gave me

she sits in the wheelchair
waiting for me to wheel her across the living room
a small pillow is placed on top of the wooden bench
for extra cushioning, her new hip still recovering from surgery

the electric fan whirls above us.
I will play for you, she says,
as the sky is turning shades of indigo

I can see veins and wrinkles on her 92-year-old
fingers dancing on the keys

she plays the piano even in the dark

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