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Day Care

The mattress hums with sleep

silence blankets the bedroom

slow, even breaths

punctuate the silence

suddenly, the silence is shattered

into a hundred blaring shards

painfully injured, silence sharply broken

an alarm clock screams

harsh, angry wails

demanding immediate attention

like a scorned child

an alarm clock screams

the bed groans softly

a hand pounces from under the covers

reprimanding the shrill outburst

with a disapproving slap

silence restores

a few minutes afforded

the blankets rise and fall

slow, even breaths resume

an alarm clock screams

with looming discord

flooding the room

with hateful repetition