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every day, the alps
in the house
and hands, anticipating tremors
this second use of language
is unconvincing

nails continue to grow and loosen
the morning requires the most traction
often, the scenery is condemned

shall we start despite the threats from overhead
generations of assumptions may flake and drift down
adulterating our coffee
I fear the lines
unrecognizable like family transformed overnight
arguing the foreigner was with us each day

7:45 am indicates something weighty
I must read all the words together
though there is no sum of inferred association
unlike railway ties supporting the
weight of very thin wheels
along an agreed line
sinking into contaminated gravel
should the clause derail