

## “Mastectomy”

I did this thing  
and it was awful and surreal  
and then I woke up  
and it was permanent and real.

The drugs make you forget

*What the f\*\*k just happened?!*

How I maimed the mammary

How I permitted this carnage

How I answered over and over again:

*Mastectomy.*

When they asked, “What are we doing today?”

*Mastectomy.*

“Which surgery?”

*Mastectomy.*

How fearless I was.

*Mastectomy.*

Then, filled with fentanyl,

How final.

*Mastectomy.*

How I chose to—a part of me—

remove

release

sacrifice

surrender

My beloved

Right

Breast.

Devastating

Irreversible

*—Mastectomy—*

Missing a part of me.

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