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poems
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doctors

Intimacy

Roy Salole

Across the road we stand, strangers
the comfortable distance reassuring enough
to let us wave and smile.

But when we meet
in the heat of confrontation
face to face and stripped,
we break into sweat, like in a sauna,
and our tongues are parched and speechless.

This is the moment to embrace nakedly and unashamed,
but mostly we turn our backs and walk away.

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