Permanent Marker

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A list of tasks  
I perpetually refine, re-copy  
addicted  
to accomplishment  
relief to mark them out  
these endless tasks  
shatter them like fluorescent orange clay  
kill them on the page.  
Deep black scars  
midnight Sharpies  
besiege my womanself  
closer to the next  
Future  
my tomorrow  
is these tasks  
so I waiver  
between love  
and hate  
of my list  
my endless list  
which does not include  
laughing or painting  
kissing or sleep  
my practical list  
without elegant fonts  
delicate drawings.  
Imprisoned by the Sharpie  
only thick black lines  
through weighted tasks  
shadows of my life  
residues  
that manifest  
as the lump  
in my breast.