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If she didn't open the door,  
there would be no bloodshed,  
no betrayal,  
no new betrothal.

If she didn't come down the stairs,  
he could forget his knife,  
lock up the corpses,  
lose the memories.

If she didn't turn the key,  
he could walk the halls,  
wishing and wandering,  
with a wife who trusted

Him.  
He wiped the blood off his chin  
and waited  
for the creak of hinges  
for his wife.