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Cierra Scott, from *The Missing Year* poetry collection

We never talk about her anymore
We only love her
We never hate the things she'd done and said and felt
We never argue about who she loved or who she didn't
We never talk about her failures or disappointments or shortcomings
We only desire that she stays with us
We only ask that she look over us like all the other ancestors
We never talk about her drinking or her smoking or her cursing
We never talk about who she really was
We only talk about who we wanted her to be
We never talk about the beatings
We never talk about the cursing and belittling
We never talk about the grapefruit mixers
We never talk about the stench of cigarettes that is ingrained in our childhood home
We never talk about the drunken road rage
We never talk about grandma

She'd want us to talk about her
She'd want us to remember her
She'd want us to learn from her
She'd talk about the smoking and cursing and drinking and slurring
She'd talk about the beatings and disparaging and hurt
She'd want us to know that there was a disconnect
She'd want us to remember her as she was
She'd want us to talk really talk about her
She'd want us to learn from her mistakes
She'd want us to love her for her mistakes
She'd want us to talk about grandma