

“abroad”

I hate to break it to you but
 someone from your highschool
probably sent sexts on christmas eve
 do you enjoy this reunion
 in the act of having outgrowing
an old everything?
college is terrible because financially, yes, you should
go home for the summer so you don't have to pay rent
 but
where is “home” when your 20 anyway?
 I admit,
this is just a fancy way of saying
 “I would really like to not have to live
 with my parents for 4/12 months of the year”
someone just tagged a facebook friend in a meme about how
 “moving to montreal won't fill the void”
 but I'd like to remind you it will lower your rent
gentrification grows on the walls of gastown
 brighter and more blinding every
 return I make
but here I have returned again
no one cares to stop me with Kerrisdale so heavy in my back pocket

 just to update you:
the google search for “how to break
a curse” did not yield much
however, it did
 inform,
 in an ugly italicized helvetica,
 that travelling across water should weaken
 malevolent spells
 and just an update:
100 kilometers of pacific called the georgia straight
sleeping in a twin size bed
wearing clothes that do not fit
 you may want to consider taking a loan out with BC ferries

 the queen of small magic elbows
too forcefully in the ribs and
 you laugh, but it really did hurt
so, is it the ADHD or the aries ascendant?
cause someone here is certainly to blame
last week at lucky bar, it didn't feel enough like the cobalt.
I placed my leg

into my best friend's hands and,
 as if I were mounting a horse,
 threw myself over the moshpit.
hoped the sea of palms missed the scoliosis and
hoped I didn't kick anyone in the eye,
 although that actually would have been rather punk,
and hoped you were watching
and hoped the weight
 unravelled an eighty-sixed
assembly of years
 childhood bedroom gutted of its books and trophies
and posters and other assorted organs
 yet,
 you still remember the shape of that anatomy
even when you told yourself it was a
 healthy raw-scrubbing

 there was so much dust
 of its skin
and now there is only
 the candles that your mother curates
for the window sill