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—Stephanie Cohn

pity

to laugh is to be alive!

look to sunrise child,
and disregard
the stomping feet
of elephants.

if an engine is clunky,
it's only because
your mother loves you.

i guess
the smallest way
he could touch you
might bring the rain away,
but asking
is never the way to go.

push-pops
weren't always for everyone.
in fact,
it would serve us to remember
that once upon a time
a child was only given
one push-pop per week.
tears dropped differently then.
that was before
your brother had ideas,
before the lions came
and before the tempest.
suncoats
were yet to be invented.

and jenga
was for trillionaires.

(if a man
says he loves you,
do not trust him
beyond midday.)
afterward
is only
for those of us
without dreams.

Josh Davis