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*—Josh Davis*

my pumpkin is orange  
 like my room  
 when people come  
 i sit here  
 and dream of sunsets  
 certainly the method of purifying water  
 is nothing like making poetry  
 my mother  
 would have been prouder  
 if i had won that day,  
 but seeing as how things drift into monster-walls,  
 we all said angry prayers,  
 thanking time  
 for failing us once again  
 the thudding comes  
 mostly from the way  
 the pillows  
 have always hated the enemy (what  
 did it matter about Chinese food? those  
 were desperate times)

*Pumpkin Hurdles —Matthew Lonnguest*