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THE IDIOT

So what if he
tears off a dog's head
searching for the voice
he thought his own,

or that his mother
finds her prized tomatoes
(which resemble his rubber ball)
splattered against the garage door,

or that he bites the doctor's face
because he hates needles,
because he hates sleeping,
because he hates pain,

or that every girl he sees,
every girl he chases, is his sister,
the one who drowned ten years ago,
saving the life of her twin
with the weird eyes.