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here are no more dances there. When she clocks in, the batwings sound

as if they are ready to drop. She lays the silver down and watches faces

melt off the backs of spoons. Then she crosses herself, clears her throat,

places the moon at the window. Some nights, a moth drifts towards it

and rests on the glass. Moth legs, directionless,

slowly turn, soothe the gray face with its body.