

## Still Life: Coming Home in 55 Words

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Feet tumbled toward me in greeting. I exchanged my contaminated work clothes, listened to the cacophony of news: a newly wiggly tooth, a crashed ship, an urgent report of an errant elbow that either "whacked" or "accidentally tapped" an unsuspecting ear. Hugs tangled my weary legs as I notice a dandelion perched on my nightstand.