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Book of Monuments

Shobhana Kumar

i follow the smell of yellow,
dog-eared edges
unfold like a lover's secret path
to pages long before.

a memory rushes
through eager eyes
and opens to another day
when words were shred,
imagined, laughed
and cried upon
on a lazy Sunday morning.

now, in that smell of yellow,
immortal remains
erect themselves
in carefully apportioned
portraits, waiting
to be unveiled
at a sense's touch.