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## In the Dust of the Rock Yard

Chris Crew

in pointing out the largest blackberries  
and pulling them, by the leaf,  
close to my son's cheeks,  
I have been avoiding this.

In drywall anchors and hammer loops,  
spackling the many gouges  
of years swinging furniture  
together I have spelled out

a response to this public notice  
of a future building plan:  
I won't Goodwill the suitcase  
my father bought me.

The handle is not the greatest failure  
of the past year. The space  
it takes in our closet doesn't  
fill any of the space he left.