MEDITATIONS ON THE ALPHABET
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I eye the first word I spoke touching eye touching breast or was it my mother's memory, her desire for me centering me apart from her within myself.

I, the index, shifting signifiers, never knowing always knowing who I is. The same is true of you.

Self contained, framed within its own structure, never going out to dinner. Small i, insecure, running in a cursive stroke, fore and aft. The dot trying to contain it, freeze it here, a photograph. The i, barely managing not to be swept away by its consonants. A terminal e, itself a quiet letter, transforms the vulnerable squashed character into the command mode I. Who can say which is better.