Changing the Sheets before Lockdown

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I spent the first holed up
riled up on possibility
playing the piano again, passing an online AMEB exam
(I guess this mattered?)
bed space/time was a greedy indulgence

In the second, out of date food stayed in the fridge –
a hoarded hope, a willingness for things to be okay.
Homes housed myriad anxieties
as we bankrupted news feeds with attention
and thoughts as fixed as blinking cursors
(focus was a deplorable concept).

Juvenile correlatives bid for attention
the wildest, the thought:
If I'd bothered to change the sheets before lockdown
I might've handled this better
After all, the news – which said so much – never said otherwise.

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