

FALLON BOCK

Demitasse

We all keep things
that do not belong
to us: I tucked an
unread book in my
bag, locked a basketball

in my car, linked a charm
bracelet to my
key chain, there
just for the sake
of having stolen it.

We take. It is a satisfaction
to conquer loss.
In a café, a man spills
espresso across
the counter. I watch

without offering
to help. I watch it
leak and stain and linger.
I wonder if I could ever
return a stolen feeling.

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