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Weaker Apart

All our failures
are different,
for the most part,
yet the way
they stain our skins
is always the same.

You'd think we'd recognise
each other, embrace as sisters,
as brothers, united in our missteps,

but we don't,
the failure of others
too much a reminder
of our own failures, and
all the more reason
to succeed on our own.

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