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My grandmother always served
tea hot in cups of thin glass,
thin with patience, thin with use,
and we waited for them to cool.

*We must always wait, she said,
the way we do, with wine, for Elijah.
But the eyes must remain
open.*

And her eyes were blue.

Translation by Agah Shahid Ali