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she was the type of person who
would help a stranger find their lost sweater sleeve who
would offer to share her umbrella
even if it meant getting her own hair wet
she was the over-empathetic type
the dangerous type
she would place herself inside a pair of shoes
for too long
wear them too much
wouldn't realize when they were all torn up

stop watering the plants
(can't you see they're dying)
stop asking about my day
(start talking about yours)
stop offering, listening, feeling, deathgripping, loveloveloing
(even if it's all you know how to do)

she was the type of person who
never cared just enough who
never cared slightly less who
never cared the acceptable amount.
she simply cared and never

