The Laugh

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You hear it
when an aide,
irritated,
 snaps at Ms C
  just stand, just grab
those handles, no
 wait-a-minute,

and Ms C, trying—
smiling, spills
it, briefly.

A kind of cousin
to the one

I now hear
from Ms M—

loud, hard,
a dam burst
open—

when she finally
speaks

just to hear me say
I’m so sorry, I can’t
quite understand

what you’re
saying.

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