Six months since this grit started pearling,

equinox to equinox

I checked my diary: exactly six moon tumbles ago,

my breast became a bowl of cloud.

I cancelled the first date, rescheduling a week later

(there's the address, benign on the facing page).

I struggle to recall what seemed so pressing – could be from my scrawl a clash of work, or simply

it was inconvenient.