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I miss California sometimes
a shot
in the orange juice
the night
tapered to explode
trumpets and out of tune guitars
zigzag chat
with the baristas
who
we tag along with
directs
the final
cut

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Drinking ice cold bourbon
and wondering
why the rest of the world
can’t
get it together
this
afternoon

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The best espresso I know is at Caffe B
maybe I just like the hostility there
it’s almost perfect
moments drag on frantically

quiet the ash on my cigarette
let me think about light
drawn out of the sky
stars for example
let me know when you get to Paris
the paint wet on the canvas
we stretch into everywhere
for everyone

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Embrace
the next unavailable woman
bring her to
the far end of the bar
a ceremony
unravels
after the fourth drink
frantic dialogue
coughs up
fresh camouflage
goodbye
is out of the question

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I don’t know how to end things
completion is not my forte
therapy for alcoholics
melts down behind a pair of sunglasses
my inner eye becomes unknowingly awake
to the impossibly still
bitterness drinks too loudly at your wedding
but travels well
and
keeps your clothes on
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