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Jude Dillon has been published in magazines online and in print, throughout Canada, United States and Europe. He has published two collections of poetry, *The Fractured Garden* and *Happy There In My Agony*.

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

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

The best espresso I know is at Caffè 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

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

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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