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## Jude Dillon: Five Poems

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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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