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## Jude Dillon: The Shadow Room I Keep Secure

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### Poems are from *The Fractured Garden*.

I keep you in the dark  
 about yourself  
 new words run out  
 to catch the mail  
 the blind monkey who works for magic  
 licks the stamps  
 I lost my repertoire  
 a bottle of red closing up in the dark  
 a rusty trumpet on a failed street  
 the grace of you in sloppy clothes  
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All who know you  
 complain of your kindness  
 prowling among the sparrows  
 like a cat  
 as quick as you look away  
 a line is loaded on your tongue  
 finds the shadow-room I keep secure  
 a prison with a name like yours  
 corners me  
 with a yellow bulb in a midnight room  
 a wicked place  
 far too spacious to explore  
 it's 5 AM and I wonder where to tie the rope  
 when dawn blows a fuse and puts on her slippers  
 it's a beautiful day  
 for photography  
 nothing sticks to light like rain

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I miss the hum of your skeleton  
the light you walk through  
the dark that presses down  
let the rats chew electric wire  
let the phone ring  
stir a dead martini to life  
bring on the olives  
the darker girls  
the ones with gravity

*“My Agony,” painting by Jude Dillon*

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