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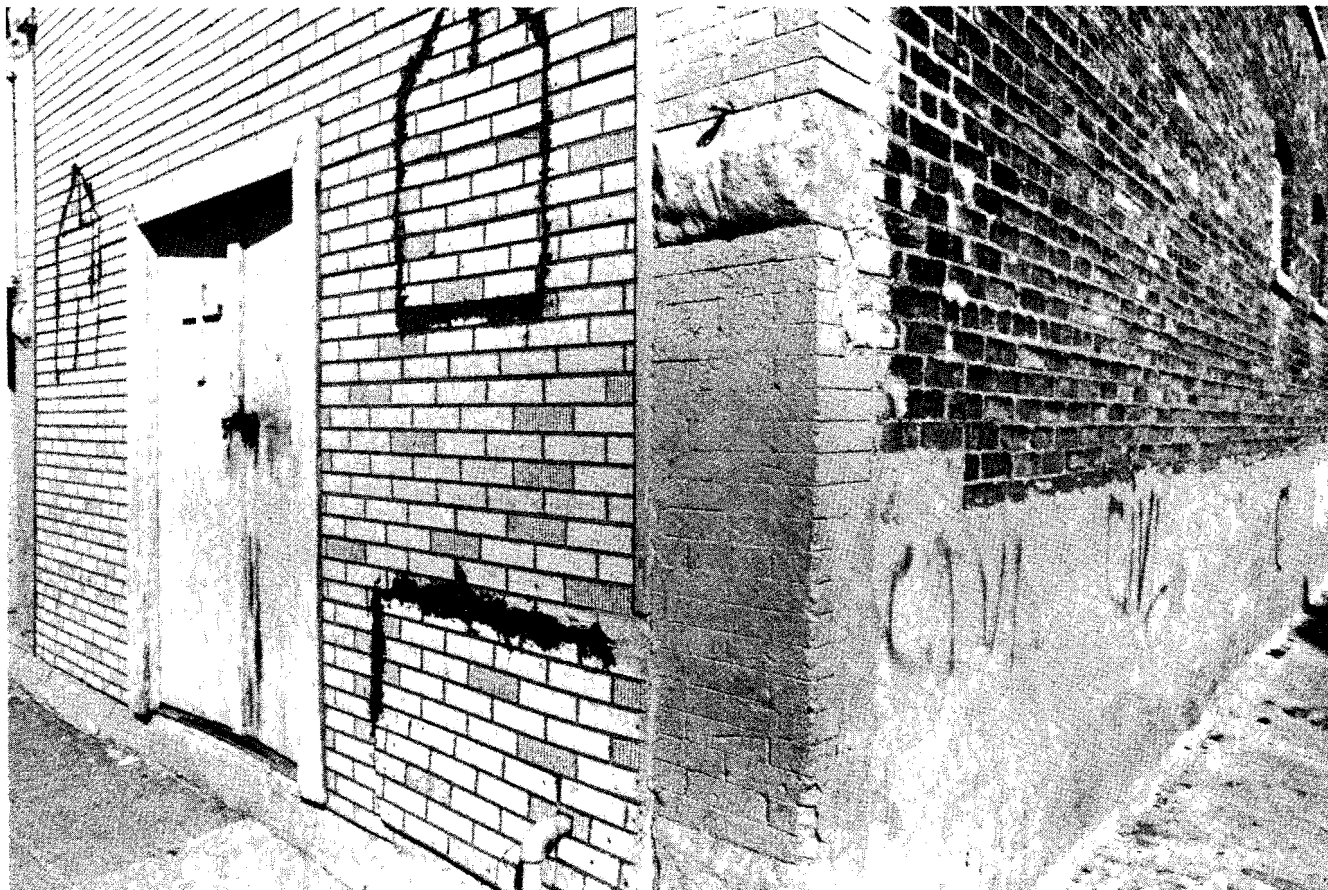
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Do you remember that summer night  
when the sky was a deep and liquid opera?  
We crawled like dust for cover  
under the stacked slate,  
crawled to hide  
from the house's lighted eyes—  
a house older and more massive  
than pornography,  
or a firm decision.

Oh Julia,  
where are you tonight?  
Do you still crawl?  
Do you still shriek  
when gravel,  
like a work of Goya,  
bites into the sole  
of your foot?  
Does your body still scrape  
against the slate  
leaving a suspicious trace of yourself?  
Or are the heavens as soft as the Charmin,  
jubilant in the trees?



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