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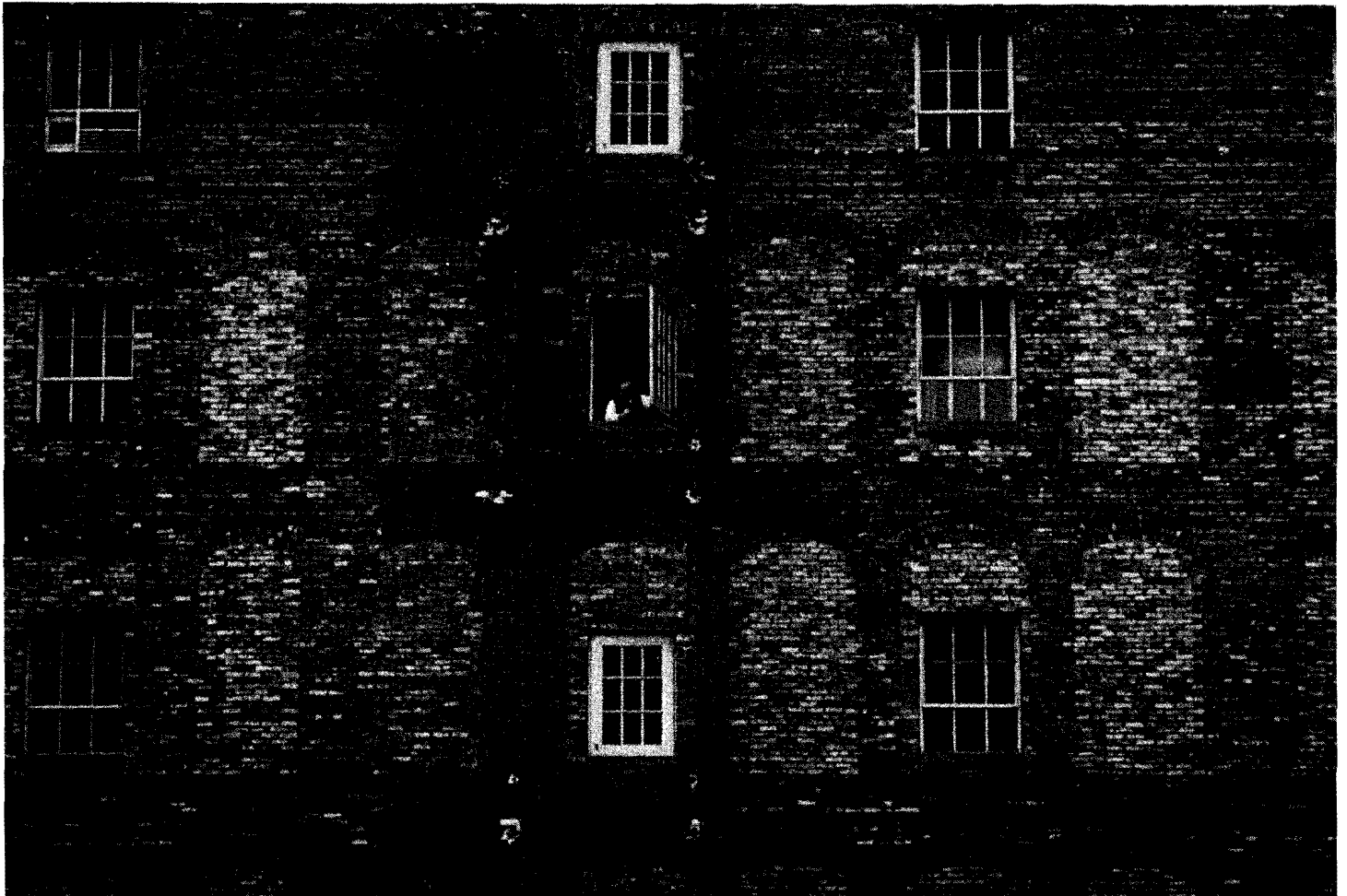
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*by Kevin Griffith*

A fatherless moon radiates intelligence  
onto the city block.  
The snow becomes smooth tuxedo,  
the street, lapel.  
Knowing he has just kissed his Russian  
dancer a final goodbye,  
a man, resembling Bogart, is so  
heartbroken he can not see color.  
Against the curb is a car  
no darker than litotes.  
He slips into the car and  
reminisces about 100 torsoless women  
and a crayon sketch of the Venus de Milo  
with wings.  
He rests his head on the steering wheel  
and cries tears the color of patent leather shoes.



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