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## Sucked In

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Last night's frenzy  
like a gauze web  
lies across my mind  
a film of pain remembered  
in fading tones of grey

Sharp clear dawn obliterated the remnants of dumb cries,  
regardless, self-imposed deaf to them  
and in the silence, I assumed too quickly  
    a new day had come, trailing new life in its wake.

Yet memory's nettle, burried  
deep, forgotten  
the stolid throb  
stinging  
aching  
subtle thorn  
I could not loose  
erase ignore

and now fresh dawn  
has long since withered,  
beneath day's pitiless eye.  
Has left me drifting  
through the heat, alone  
toward mirages of security  
and volatile waves of silvered vapor  
    vanishing in my heedless grasp.

Sorrow's magnetism draws me in . . .  
as the horizon beckons the sun  
into its cruel cleft  
sinking closer  
I fall under anxiety's cloth  
nightveil . . . helpless  
dusk dulls the sharp hope of day  
whose promise to sever bonds  
lost  
dusk holds me  
scraping futilely  
beckoning me lonely  
into night.

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