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Darkness falls early like an
emptiness in winter.
Rain runs icy as it hits
freezing air.

Rose bushes have drooped and dropped
at courtyard's edge.
Dogs keep howling at all hours.

Night deepens; the moon's
caught in a swirl of fog.
The air's damp and slippery;
cold silence enwraps us.

Shadows from car headlights
shift across the walls.
Somewhere out there
she is making her own way.

These fields of hers
are untrodden; she will make
her own new horizons,

find light and brightness again.
Somehow she will climb
all the way back
to daylight.