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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.