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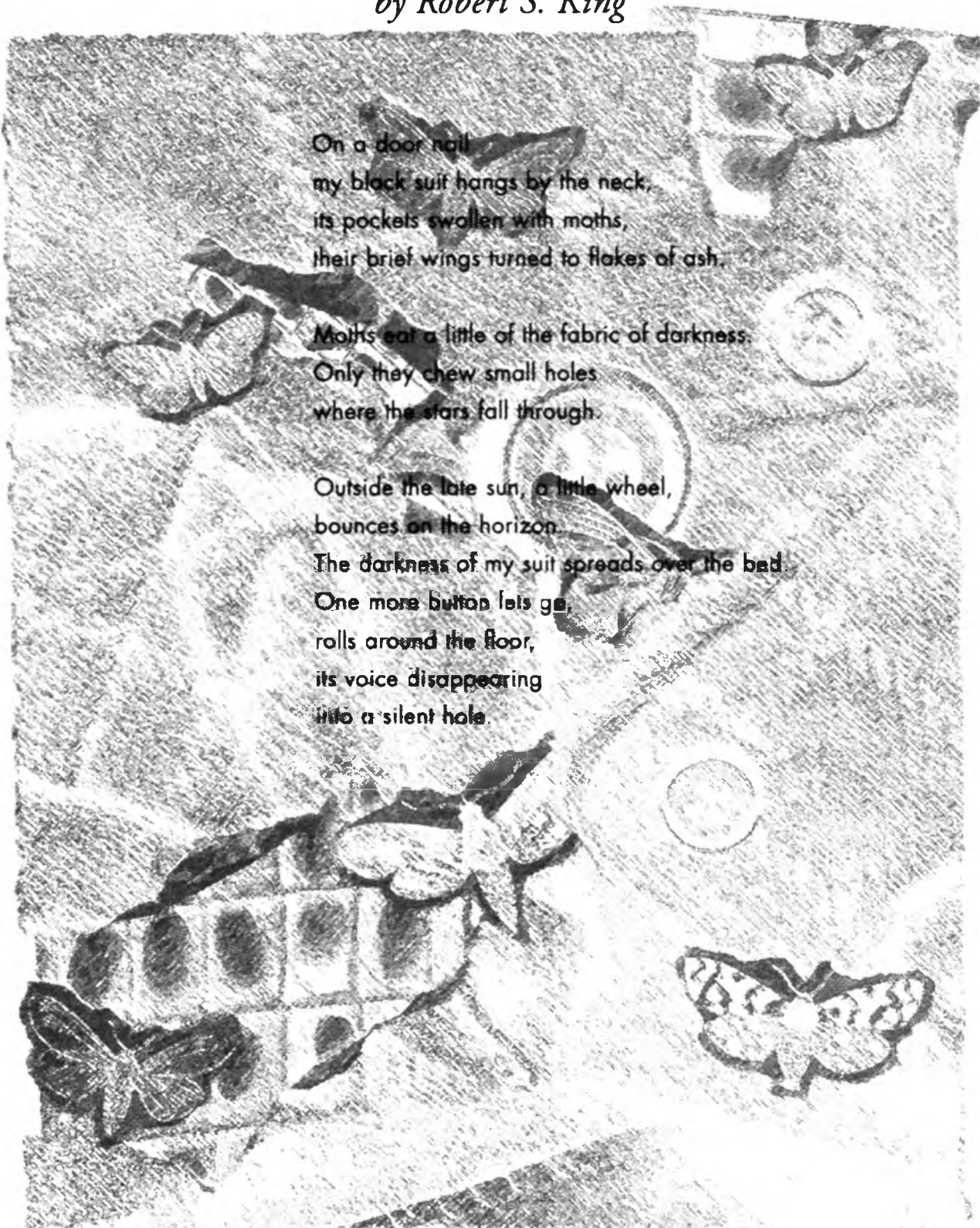
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# THE SUIT WITH THE MISSING BUTTONS

*by Robert S. King*



On a door nail  
my black suit hangs by the neck,  
its pockets swollen with moths,  
their brief wings turned to flakes of ash.

Moths eat a little of the fabric of darkness.  
Only they chew small holes  
where the stars fall through.

Outside the late sun, a little wheel,  
bounces on the horizon.  
The darkness of my suit spreads over the bed.  
One more button lets go,  
rolls around the floor,  
its voice disappearing  
into a silent hole.

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