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My shadow nearly dodges your ghost
for an iced glass, again a gin to toast.
In the meantime, the nighttime,
that black digestif, nips & sips us both.

Lives' knives should not allow for sleep,
but wade & wait—their timing is cheap.
Who asks *Is dyeing your heart a crime?*
save casks of scum burped through your teeth.

Juniper toad-throats croak from beneath
& you ribbit in my gimlet. Cubes melt to thief.
Thaws crack a clear, barrel-aged rule of mine:
an eye for an eye for three fingers, neat.