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Slammed Drunk

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In the end it turned out to be a slammed drunk
she chose a man who upstaged his own hand
with tarot card tenacity, he selected the fortune most likely
and decided to die right into it
he followed Bukowski but none of his poetry

She made dolls out of withered newspaper
they were so old the ink had gone bad
they chewed smiles that could cripple you

And her roommate and his hordes
did coke on the kitchen table
while she was mindlessly asleep
in her wonderglass room
thinking nothing was wrong with her life
when the corners were squared tight

Cockroaches swarmed the idle stovetop
the restaurant below always threw their refuse out back
piling stench, their mail strewn on the stairs
when paying bills was unimportant
he made sure to take the money he needed
from her open purse and stammering face

But everything was wrong
especially when he crossed people off her guest list
and said her boyfriend could only come by
if he kept his mouth shuttered

He didn't and left
she drank so much steamed milk
she curdled her own breath
until she became a ghost
until he threw her out the window
along with her obsessions

She broke on Saturday while everyone was watching.

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