Reflections

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Knock back a few drinks and
you’re back
sloppy arms around my waist
and a smile that could be sweet
if not for the liquored nouns and verbs
that slip out
through crooked teeth.

We meet eyes and
I’ve met my match.
Your will against mine
to be mine—
my silence against yours
to be heard.

And no longer will
I assist in this masquerade ball
of false intentions
waltzing through bitter lies
thick persuasions

because then
instead of glancing past me
on your way to escape,
you’d see a mirror
and stop to wonder
how we fell this far
when it was really
just you.

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