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There are no doors in this room

Trapped with dark imaginings
With bedclothes stripped and scattering
We claw our way through fevered hearts and tortured memories
Straining for that distant bit of light

But the candles are a fraud

And we lay caught among the shards
That rip and strangle anguished ravings in the night
Till silence finds us clenched across thresholds of prayer
Twitching in our sleep

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