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hurdle himself randomly  
in want of ritual,  
a monotone path taken without pause  
of who or why.  
He does not invite me to join him,  
but bound within these fragile hours  
it is I who must align  
myself  
with his stopwatch,  
his escalator, his green mammon, his revolving  
doors,  
his stacks of numbers, his drone  
of enamel and static.  
I play homage  
to consciousness  
like a mute servant  
to his master, chained by time,  
isolation my adversary, my companion,  
bearing witness  
to my dreams, cleansing tempest  
from template within the soul.  
There is no solace,  
no incantation,  
no invisible music,  
infrared or ultraviolet  
that heals  
the burning eye,  
that ceases this private vigilance  
untouched  
by Morpheus.  
It is only in man's world that death  
does not awaken,  
where these words come  
to haunt  
my waking moments,  
and course through veins  
that sleep  
eternal

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