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## **Cover Page Footnote**

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## **Guilt**

I am flinching at shadows.  
They chitter and rustle in their corners.  
Hidden just out of eyesight.  
Deriding.  
Demanding.  
Questioning.  
I avert my eyes from these shadows  
but they grow solid.  
Taking shape.  
Wrapping themselves around my ankles  
like vines.  
They grasp and grow tighter.  
They are draining me.  
Tendrils emerge, plunging into my skin  
to feed...  
Blood trickles down  
forming pools at my feet.  
These pools form mirrors.  
And within, I see your face.  
But the reflection is alive.  
Your mouth forming words,  
your eyes throwing questions.  
Pleading.  
Protesting.  
Accusing.  
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