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Breathe.

That moment before dawn
Gray between night and day.

Breathe.

Air heavy with dew
Moisture fills my lungs.
Lips taste the sweetness of yours.
Mixed with alcohol and nicotine.

Breathe, breathe.

Warm dark shadows envelop us.
Tangled clothes in passion's heat.

Breathe, breathe, breathe.

Desire heats through flushed cheeks
Hands that travel over burning skin.

Breathe, breathe, breathe, breathe.

Dawn breaks, and so do I—
And I have to tell myself

Breathe, breathe, breathe

Fingers intertwined we pause
Heart-beat skips once

Breathe, breathe.

Getting up from tangled sheets
I close my eyes a moment

Breathe.