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chasing this shadow
back into my inside whenever he comes
to snap it away
with his condescending tone

this shadow living deep in me
one day will snap outside of me
leaving the who that I am
a visible ledge to which he must walk
and plunge his words
over and over

splitting the earth as they hit and
slip into hell
each jeer to be hurled and seared
and slain in deadly fire

-- *Betsy Lewis*