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You never understood
Why I retreat into words
Or how poetry can tell a story—
   My story of my life in my writing in my books
   But you see...
Behind diction lurks feeling
Beneath letters cowards love
Punctuation ciphers tears
Covets nerves
Conceals fears
   All you view is paper with graphite smudges
   Secret codes that you don't want to solve
But if you felt each pulp fiber you'd find...
Ink stain bruises
Perforated smiles
Alphabet thoughts hard to sing
   Permanence through the art of print
   Is threatening, alarming, desired
   You're afraid of what you will discover
   Buried underneath the alliteration, analogies
   And those damn metaphors
'Cause you know that
My hand doesn't lie