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THEY WALKED IN THE NIGHT

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She walked in the Night,
 Cigarette in hand.
 Dogs howled
 Fenced in their yards.
 She walked in the Night
 In a forgotten neighborhood.
 A gleaming silver key hung on a chain
 Loose around her neck.
 She walked
 In the shadow of the Old Way.
 Her Way.
 She glanced at the Moon three times.
 Heard a person calling Her name three times.
 Without calling Her name.
 Silence.
 She walked in the Night
 Dropping her key on the ground.

He walked in the Night,
 Looking without searching,
 Calling without screaming.
 He walked in the Night
 In a forgotten neighborhood,
 When the Dogs started howling.
 The smell of smoke filled the air.
 Following footsteps he could not see,
 A voice he could not hear.
 He walked in the Night
 Lost with a sense of direction, his feet scrapped the ground.
 Something cool
 Something smooth
 Brushed against his foot.
 A silver key beamed like a star in the Night.
 He glanced at the Moon three times.
 Whispered a name he'd never spoken three times.

 They walked in the Night
 In the shadow of the Old Way.
 Their Way.

 They walked in the Night.