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There are these thick windows  
And there are these thick blinds  
But there is nothing unbreakable between us;  
I walked past locked doors  
And beyond burned bridges.  
I swallowed endless jagged horizons  
At the concession of another day.  
It is the unfinished, condemned buildings  
That I cannot forgive.  
Time invested in beautiful design  
And tactful growth, soon wasted,  
The body, fallen not because of the peculiar wind,  
But forsaken  
To the shaky logic of a woman gone mad.

Escape me now, reluctant city;  
Shy unto yourself  
And your dimmed reflections  
[These amber lights  
Refuse to illuminate your face any longer.]