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## **Dream Girl**

Her hair cascades in waves of firecrackers  
Sparkling and sparkling as shimmering embers catch light  
Her irises are individual gardens of eden  
Deep juniper reservoirs that sing tales of forbidden sin

Her lips drip mint juleps on a mid december morning  
Menthol laced words secreting in clouds of vaporless smoke  
Her voice christens temples  
A euphony of stardust particles as they break over the dusk

Her collarbones are shattered bottles forgotten and jutting out of the riverbank  
Tumbled over again in brackish water until they ran smooth  
Her shoulders are flutes of apple cider bringing in the new year  
Inherent innocence masked in celebration

Her fingers are shoe blades coasting on water filled glass  
A momentary lapse in ice thin judgment  
Her touch spells summertime  
A breath against a sky of salamander daydreams

Her hips are windless hurricanes  
Nearly, almost gentle catastrophes  
Her thighs are a picture book of black and white on a canvas of honey  
An overwhelming collection of moments turned to stone

She is a figment of a memory  
That smells of honeysuckle and chimera  
That tastes of chamomile and counterfeit change  
A fever dream of heart shaped moments

And as moments morph into maybes  
My mind lets me weep