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## see-saw

another day leaks into the horizon and my eyes absorb sunset.  
unexplainable thoughts skim across my mind, leaving ripples of desire.

another horrid day, dripping superficialities and bitterness while  
expressionless faces hurry past . . . all too weak to raise a smile.

soft lips. sanguine kisses in the bushes. composure erodes,  
countenance weakens.

flat broke and one cigarette left. drawing hard, i exhale my  
clouded worries. all of a sudden the skies pale and blacken, only to weep  
their sorrows on everything: the earth, me, and my last cigarette.

rolling around in the daisies with a maiden, drunk of spring air.  
“May I take the first joint, sir?” after a hearty drag and a flurry of  
laughter we plunge into a cold, clear river sawing through the hills.

ascending and ascending, feathers soaking the elements . . .  
misty blue mountains trail so far behind.

falling and falling, spiraling downward, sinking further into  
despair.

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