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Preservation Wish

With faux dreams of you in a sunshine tomorrow
 shadowed with the backdrop photo
 of a flaming icon on the
 back lawn of a vacant morgue,
I toss the gleaming incantation
 my chest against the industrial-metal rail
 my legs wrapping snake-like through the bars
 in prayer
 and neck arched over the edge
imagining it in the thick goo of slow motion
 soaring in its momentary lust for gravity
 flickering tails after glimmering head
 sparks of glistening friction
 shatter and sparkle and disperse
 and dangle
 and convulse quickly, silently
 and descend
 having separated to bitterly suck in and bury
 the silvery morceau
 in its crescendo-ing fate of
 embracing the humming abyss.
and I sense a similar sparkling tear
 of saliva
pending from my lower lip
 and i close my eyes and
 touch the quill to the tip of my resentment
and wish i believed in some strength
 stronger than I
 to mother the mud from your decaying flesh,
wiping my mouth as i back away
 from the embers of your life

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