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## Dissipating Haze

I found myself at the bottom of a bottle  
smoking another Marlboro Light.

Not a surprise

I found you there too.

Everyone says we're in denial  
and enlighten us with moral insight.

Not a drunk,

I think we're more like shoes.

We tread ourselves from bar to bar  
wearing down, so many holes.

Not so practical,

but we fit quite comfortably.

With every rip, tear, scar,

we vow to soften our strolls.

Not a problem.

We swear to step more gently.

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