tears on the pillow

let the red sun sink into the waiting arms of the night let the dusk roll out its loincloth of grief for the lamps are drained of oil and the blue skies are gone

they drifted away with the fading smell of your cologne leaving traces of dirt on my heart and where the songbird once sang the darkness away the owls have assembled a choir of sorrow

it is love that we mourn here, darling
but we also mourn moments shared on the wings of adversity
when the world lost its memory

i wander on a sandless beach at dusk
hunting for smells in the crab holes of regret
wondering where the tide has taken you or the smell of your cologne

and at dawn

i awake to a pool of tears on my pillow

and i am breathless with a sense of loss