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Is it the Rickie Lee  
in You and Me  
that tells us where  
the Wild Ones are  
and lets us rise  
like Robin's phoenix  
above our ashes?

We did not collide  
with teenage suicide  
but left the door open  
for times when hoping  
seemed too unkind  
for us to stand  
strong and on our own.

Now we take it  
minute by minute  
letting what dawn rises  
flush our faces  
what evening softens  
urge our laughter  
into dew-fallen night

As we sit on the stair  
watching branches spar  
with late night wind  
till three a.m.  
while breezes caper  
across our shoulders  
then taper to our calves.

The moon's halves are  
half hid in dark—  
the same as ourselves,  
but breathing in  
we feel the smoke  
from your cigarette  
and breathing in  
we taste the opal mist  
on our tongues.

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