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we wander into all
the jewelry stores
the clerks eye me
think me a thief

is it because
I am carrying the steel rake

no I go through the store
opening up purses then
wallets

the jeweler working
in the back
looks for the light
before birth

cursed this way
my curiosity
wanting to come inside you

MARK SEELEY

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Friday night
a party mingle
left a stench
of exited perspiration
and drunken ladies
passed out on the
bedroom carpet
with no way to remove it.

Cigarettes and coffee
have never mixed well in me,
dissatisfaction
on my morning breath--
I can't help
but flatten
all I speak to
with the coldness in my eyes.

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