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A late breeze is getting chill,
and I shiver just slightly as I watch her.
Not following the conversation,
I keep getting lost in her expressions,
in the way her eyes get intense
when she's speaking of something she loves.
I understand three sentences in a row,
then she tilts her head back to laugh at something
and the unconscious beauty of that image:
 the curve of her throat, high cheekbones
 coloured with the flush of a drink,
 the glint in those night-dark eyes--
is so strong I have to look away
and stop breathing for a moment.