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Clock, nail-clasped to the sterile wall  
ahead that blood coffee nightstand,  
it ticks

away. We sink  
bourbon down, clattering rocks,  
slapping the metronome night.

Bottomless breaths, unwinding hands  
without rhythm, we want  
silence, but we hear  
ticks.

We know the black hole inside  
the nightstand. Shove it up  
the back of our skull.

Our left temple.

The roof of our mouth.  
Under the chin.

Pooooow.

See shards and time slowly  
fall over the nightstand, over  
ticks.

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