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Después

Afterwards

There were six things
We were concerned with.
Las cortinas, las luces, la música.
Yes, I said.
There is no one here but us.

But she rambled off—
“*Usted no piensa en mí*
en las maneras que ángeles piensan en Dios.”
“You are a thinker that thinks of himself only.”

And we sat on the edge of the bed
Con el vino, las velas, and the mood
Gone
With garbled confessions
Of who we really loved
And what we really wanted.