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I find myself
smoking by my open door,
flicking ashes on the floor
on a freezing spring night.

Sitting here,
the wind is washing me clean
in the streetlamps faint gleam,
smoke fading in the light.

All the while,
a storm rages to the left,
I drag each heavy breath
under nothing but the plight

of my thoughts.
What I am meant to be
demons standing in the streets,
shaking in their fright.

But not myself,
smoking by my open door,
knowing I can hurt much more
than I could ever write.

I find myself

in the smoke that never ends
starting new with no amends
loving nothing but my spite.