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# Dry



I wake up at 4 o'clock  
after a forgettable dream,  
thirsty.

*I got my hair cut last week  
and the girl told me it was dry*

*because conditioner stops working  
once you've been using the same kind  
for too long.*

I could get a glass of water  
but then my cat would wake up  
and also it's dark

and what if the Zodiac Killer is in my kitchen  
eating a bowl of Froot Loops  
(which I don't even buy)

so I just go back to sleep.

Tonight I will fill a glass  
and take my vitamins  
and the water will stay there,

watching 3 o'clock come and go,  
knowing it will be stale  
when the sun comes up

and not being able  
to do a damn thing  
about it.

*And if that were true  
wouldn't the shampoo do the same thing  
and just give up*

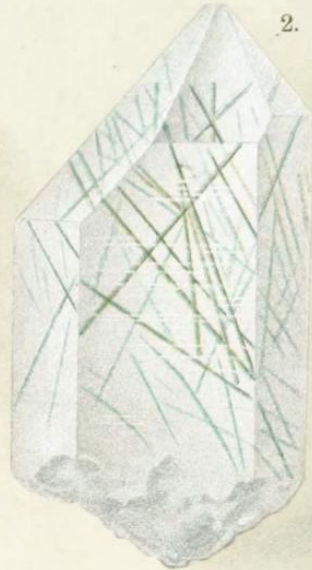
*instead of stripping everything away  
like it always has?*

I will remember my dream.

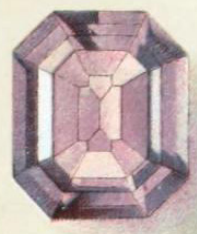
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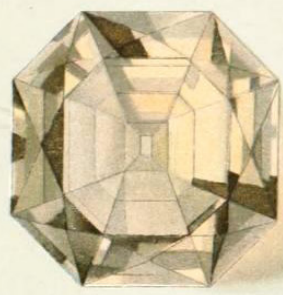
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3 b.



3 c.



4 a.



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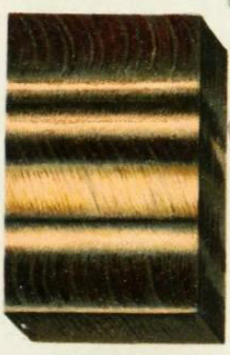
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