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One Night in Balthazar
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*The hotel bar downstairs
was dirty and dark and almost empty
except for him whom I didn't know*

*I lost my balance
because evil is aroused by absence*

*Outside on the island
a brick city had grown up and old*

A person could only nibble on its shadows

Where was my beloved?

*The cornerstone was familiar
but unrecognizable
and I didn't understand why infinity*

was seeping into my hair

*Somebody said:
"He's out of his bottle"*

*I guess it meant
Temporarily out of service and empty.*

*But then there was Arsene
beside the last remaining cabin
wandering with his eyes on the camera*

*Dynamite in his pocket
and a piece of thread*

to trap a rabbit.

*Evil is a growing thing
It has its own gravity
and never answers to its name
It is a hole into chaos. It is real*

*Arsene held me in his arms
He was drunk as usual
and his nipple smelled of rum*

*But still I loved him—
loved him madly!—
as if he was the one*

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