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Whose body is incomplete
Who with its hands disturbs itself
Cast, once only to tremble

Upon the night's bridge

Dark reason and watery plants
I am your guest
Who recedes at dawn
As the fountains imitate

Oh unpartnered senses!
Unwed at any hour
Whose deep affection
Is the pungent earth

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