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look again) · *Akua Lezli Hope*

Another loneheart evening  
watched your murktide tire and gasp  
like Harlem's greater body once  
you breathed with fishes. children  
sought you for their play  
they say the sins of fathers  
are polluting choice of sons  
what fools go slaughter water  
that needed balm for pain

yet romance remains on Union Street,  
on Third where girded squatting bridges  
lie above your mournful sludge

i sip the blur by full moon:  
low horizon night of azure periwinkle  
brownstone skyline lights and cobbled  
streets of industry are still.  
long brick, darklid glass, the silent  
buildings wink at you, european  
shadows by the amerind shore. no more.

i sip the blur by full moon:  
crane or derricks hulk  
above you, dinosaur and dragon bone  
see only multicolor in twisted metal litter  
and renascent spring sails perfume  
on the kissy wind, and think you beauty.

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