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He struggles against the sleep that feeds his dreams,
to face the light
he hasn't seen in years, his mouth full of desperation
with no tongue,
his eyes only good for the tears, as a senseless world
tries to force
some sense upon him, he can only hear the static of
blues in code, he
used to be a traveler of direction specific, now he
can't tell the
pavement from the road, he prepares himself for
another black day,
wraps his body in it's dress, fumbles thru the
uselessly beautiful
morning, and to his corner to confess.
He's trying to say something but he doesn't know
how, he just knows
how to try, he's trying to mean something, he
doesn't know what ,
doesn't know why.
He used to be younger than anybody had ever been,
but the same trick
of time that turns the grape into the wine, never found
the ripeness in
him, and his eyes lost there vision straining for a sign,
as his
desperation out paced his demise, he just plunged
headlong into his
dire straits, and when the world seem to strut it's
indifference, he
tossed his future to the fates, he finally lost the faith in
himself, that
he had lost in everyone else a long time ago, and now
with a strangers
vow of silence, a tongue can't ask what it would know.
He's trying to say something but he doesn't know
how, he just knows
how to try, he's trying to mean something, he
doesn't know what ,
doesn't know why.

He gets to his street corner and finds his place, the
hungry heat feeds
upon his skin, the only proof left of the light, is burning
off the dross
of his sin, he sits above a puddle blind Narcissus, he
forgives the rain
with his gently tapping toe, and the people hurry by
and splash this
leftover ocean, but a few stop to witness this woe, six
strings of music
attack the air, the way a honeymoon reaches for his
wife, he plays the
wonder he only knows one song, it's a song about a
man that forgot to
live his life.

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