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The man I saw yesterday playing gin
 Slumps mumbling on the bed edge,

His brain bleeding,
 Right arm twitching in lamplight

As his daughters stare
 From the doorway.

I catch his quickening
 Pulse

But can no longer look except out the window,
 Where the moon has not yet risen

And the ditchdiggers have gone home
 And cars stream across concrete,
 Their headlight glow
 Brighting out the stars.

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