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REQUIEM

Saying to life
"take that you bastard"
suppurating words
feeling warm and good and flushed
the bubble of fear bursting
arms aching to act
"and that and that"
and my room
awaits my return
like an expectant lover
its door wide
in casual disorder;
in triumph, in adoration,
palms in my path,
I wade through praise
to regain my place.
Bursting the breathless portal
I stumble I think,
into a desolate attic.

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