

Tuesday: 9:00 PM

Objects seen from my armchair: sad iron, toenail clipper, nine of hearts, sun screen, candle sticks, glow sticks, book shelves, power cord, tuning fork, sea shell

Slender-white and sad, silhouetted against iron-gray dusk,

a toenail moon drifts, a single sail of a clipper ship.

Nine p.m.: a time of heart's ease

as the vanished sun allows a shadowed screen to soften the day's toil.

We sit apart, but are held together by candle-glow; its light caresses surf-tossed sticks

that lie akimbo on shelves of tumbled books.

The gentle power of shared silence links us in a twined cord, a

45 year old love song re-tuning itself as dreams fork and return,

spiralling into the center of the night-sea's shell.

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