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STRAW

When
 did this happen?
 I never felt it
 trickling away like so much sand
 in an hour glass
 or wine from the flask.
 The angle of the setting sun never alerted me
 to the dimming of my words
 or the lessening of my sight—
 no errant slant of light struck my eyes as if to say,
 “Fool! You are letting the moments slip away,
 silent like thieves or forbidden lovers in the night,
 and still you have not woven the gold you promised the King.”
 So when I raise my eyes to darkness
 and know I have squandered the light,
 who can I blame for my barrenness
 but myself?

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