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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?