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Black Satin

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As I wander down Bourbon Street
a hand touches my shoulder
and a vampire whispers
beautiful memories of the lost

I sink down at a sidewalk café
and write in filigree of tarnished tears
while saxophones cry the fire
of star-children long since gone

Pale my fingers flash to hold
days fading just out of grasp
as the moon flies, an unforgettable
ocean, silver & alive

And we are all cursed, to stay
on earth and remember, while past
nights gather darkly caped, red-tingling
and I brood alone at a table

drinking wine with the tip of the tongue
while vanished summers haunt me
with gray musical silks I can almost touch
and I stare compelled & silent into an empty glass