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Between nocturnal blind spots you smell light  
and play it through your fingers, stealing breaths.  
Like incense, feel it cover up the night  
and leave a hanging scent of midnight deaths.

Now tasted, sight becomes the keystone on  
which Joy attempts to rest its transient head.  
Yet, Dusk demands the keystone be withdrawn,  
which leaves Joy unsupported, cold, and dead.

You hear your eyes collide against the bars  
of darkness, whom your rasping fortifies;  
your tasteless, rationed food sounds like the stars  
of shadow, where illumination dies.

Bereft of brightness, straining hard to see  
(as you have been, and shall forever be),  
your vision fills with crowded emptiness  
as black as hope's inherent deadliness.