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Shadow Maker

"Agawateshkam," she explains, "was his Indian name. Shadow Maker."

S. Maker I write on the police report:
911 from the Red Lake Bar...
Threats...battery...
Shards of glass...
Exit wound beneath the shoulder.

She tucks a cloth pouch under his bedsheets.
Hums softly.
One tear glistens.

"He played the flute," she says.
"Write on your paper that He changed air into music.
Kawininawa, Agawateshkam."

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"Civilization is just a slow process of learning to be kind."
- Charles L. Lucas

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"And then back to D."
"Notice my ring finger doesn't go anywhere."
He's a fine guitar teacher, even a bit sexy.
Toes bounce up and down
Nodding around the room.
I study aloud
And my ring finger doesn't go anywhere either,
But his keeps still
Because he wants it that way.

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