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Three Kisses for Judas

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Bone to bone
flesh with flesh
soul for soul
two crucified forms
all night languishing
this Judas and his god

2

Judas despaired.

Do you find his despair incredible?
Don't you know how
he suffered
most deep betrayal
when his beloved god returned
again to the old ways,
the way of blood with fire,
the way of the knife in flesh?

3

In the beginning
there was no money,
not even the promise of money—
this god was not his courtesan.

Judas had no idea.

The money was all this god's doing—
Judas did not give a shit for silver.

So why then did he hold out his hands
like a chalice suspended
beneath the fountains?

To give form to his despair.
That he might do the unspeakable.

He did not know
the going price
for sturdy
rope.

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