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*Poetry*

tonight we're practicing

ethical non-monogamy so

kiss your grocer and hug your

doorman with all the passion

that cherry wine can provide.

grinning behind smokescreens. I'm lost

behind the eyes tonight.

Restless.

desperate for another moment

of pure inhibition.

With sweat and

blistering feet

we praise the sinful gods

of youthful depravity.

I dance desperate. A

tapped keg spewing

frothy exuberance. Drunk off

my own spirits.

a little love from what's-his-name

will still that stomach-swallowing feeling

my mother told me

would fade with time.

crushed between crewnecks and cocktails,

I'm home. A soft place

To land between joy and obligation.

A necessary evil but not evil

Necessarily.

i'm the loch ness lady. the

devil wears jersey.

alien life spotted over the phoenix desert.

a rumored resident of reality.