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SOUTHERN NIGHTS

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The nights slide into one another like empties  
finding their way under the table

Moons grin widens till it engulfs blackness  
hiding from a host of thirsty stars

Enters and leans in invitation catching bright-eyed  
a tossing head of recognition

The fantasy lit again an involuntary hand  
leaves the keys out of reach

Finds embrace across an interlocking table  
fingers and meeting eyes

Whenever the hand ...

Another night returned from the North  
and where and where

Waiting again under so many witnesses  
at last

And for no reason no word exchanged but  
reading lines and feeling pulse

Somewhere else  
but rose in the air and played around our heads

And we were high  
on nights proximity breathing hard