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Laying in My Shadow,
beside Me at night,
you ritually drifted
into the realm of deceit

and counted the stars,
in secret,
in silence,
for months.

I stayed—

Tethered to reality
My hands tenderly bound
to the shell that was left
Of your earthly ghost.

Now that you've come back to Earth,
your present firmly planted
in the rich soil
of an irreversible past,

Tell Me:

How does it feel to lose your Moon
while you were busy chasing the stars