

Stalker

Steelworks attuned to dawn or the rhythm of its tragedy

are my conspirators. Bearing down on lives, ingesting each

errant heartbreak, I wish for no mercy in cajoling sunrise to

bloom across my panes like an oath. Tell me how to be

reborn on complicities of wire and word—tell me rumours

every flower knows: the brighter her shade, the quieter the kill.

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