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I WAKE AS THE SUN ●

I wake as the sun;
come out from my smoky, ill-lit
world to that which is,
and smoke a cigarette.

I watch the bright ball slink
through the trees, it sparkles like snow.

Only it's summer and the snow
is water waiting

for the green-tree sun to see through.

The sun sees and I scream:

A man is aloud to be born.