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the person who really loves me  
lives inside bones  
(a hard hollow knock on his skull)  
and this is when  
those overused, romanticized  
flashes of light in one's eye, that flicker,  
either as absorbing as aesthetic fire at work  
or as absorbed as a dying fluorescent bulb  
dull and introspective, undecided,  
that iris iridescence, that flicker, those flashes  
become a beacon  
moonlight in a backyard  
the blue dance of an operating television  
the orange lightning of a summer stoop cigarette  
all levels of awareness and idea  
a pattern that is interweaving,  
ever-changing, often stop and go  
reality through an intermittent glow  
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