

Roan

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Black feather
On the carpet
In Vivien's back room
Where you kept me warm

A glimpse that one day
I'll believe in
Someone accepting
My physical form

If I wasn't so broken
You could have me
Body and soul
Body and soul

But for now
Just take this
A body unacceptable and abandoned
Unacceptable and abandoned

But you were so unwavering
Such a pretty boy
Just a sweet prince
A knight in black lipstick holding me down

And when I couldn't breathe
I watched you transform
Into a flock of ravens
Not long after sunrise

You were showing me
Divinity
What we are
In camaraderie

A world within
The sweetness of your skin
Escape everywhere inwards-pointing
And always pointing in

So I remembered
Every word you said
Breadcrumbs leading me back
To the exit you showed me
Points on my body

Unhealed tattoos
Soft hips, soft lips
Incantations
Between the carpet and your claws
And the caws between sleeps
Sudden wingbeats