

The Mansion

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At dawn I walked across my front lawn
Humming some bloodying nordic rowing song
It was raked and cut and comforting
To comfort I said so long
I stole my girl from her backyard

We jumped on a train
Anacostia, va
To greyhound across the united states

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But settled instead on holiday inn, riverside

I woke up in the morning all alone
I walked down to the lobby
And found her on the phone
"David," she said, "I miss you I'm coming home"
I pulled her by the arm
She grabbed me by the throat

I went to the room and threw all her things
Off the 17th floor balcony and set out

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