If I May

Pete Francis

Dog's nails tap the kitchen floor

Eddies of laughter swirl through the barred door I'm writing in the dark and cannot see the letters I'm writing in the dark and cannot see the letters

If I may then I might If only you were here with me tonight

Outside is a garden of buildings Inside shes stares at herself in the mirror Mesmerized by the light in her blue-green eyes She smokes and sings along with the radio

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Dog's teeth click Headlights slide down the walls While sleep makes me a deal I cannot refuse I think of your absence, your sharp jaw The way your collarbone surfaces under your skin

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