

## Unbidden Guest

Thou

Unwelcome claimant drawn to the flame  
Of a burning sanctum engorged in ash  
The acrid fumes obscuring sight  
Obstructing speech, incensed occlusion

The perception of slight discharges, cold corrosion  
Tracing caustic passage underneath the flesh  
In the veiny pathways, spread throughout the limbs  
A numbing excretion sapping thought

Intrusive presence  
Unencumbered by reason or respect  
It can't be soothed  
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Unbidden guest drawn through the gateway  
Of exposed nerve, an open portal  
A door unhinged by soured expectations  
Harsh resentment constricts the chest

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Will I never be rid of you?  
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Festerling wound, the open gateway  
Fractal nerve, total occlusion