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Abstract

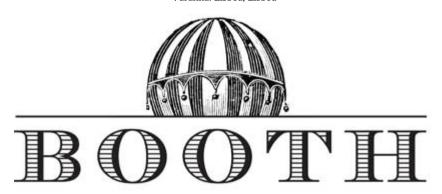
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What is left of its lemon-stand
girl? Deep like a spoon you dig
for the city's last breath.

Like Caravaggio's Judith,

you are the bright gash and the sword,
the wine and fig
divided.

Dark bride of the desperate

rasp, you are the fat dripped

from a wrung accordion, a street

song drunk and stumbling,

a hundred ribcages

humming,

a belly full of sofrimento

(To Amalia Rodrigues and her Portuguese guitar)

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