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## Salvation

one  
Drop  
followed by another  
Drop  
slowly, then swiftly  
an obsidian stream splashes  
against the steamed glass

Ahh!

the captivating smell grabs  
my nose and pulls  
me out of bed  
I reach out a blurry  
hand? and grab  
the coffee pot. my other hand  
reaches for my mug.  
at six A.M. the caricature  
characteristics of my "Grumpy Dwarf" mug seem  
LARGER.  
the face is a mirror of my essence.

sip.

I need a "Happy Dwarf" mug.

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