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why do you drink? why do you drink?  
he asked the question to make her think –  
he asked the question to make her small  
until she wasn't there at all –

and so she said –

*i drink to be happy – implying i'm not  
but don't want to look beneath the mask  
to face the brewing fears and thoughts  
always saying i'm not enough –*

*i drink to be free – implying i'm not  
while inside fears are my bars and locks –  
i drink to be free and drink to forget  
that i am always free to punish myself –*

*i drink to forget a little of this –  
i drink to forget a little of that –  
but i don't know what i need forget  
because i somewhere forgot to check –*

he asked the question to make her think  
as she quickened her thinking and slowed the drink –  
then laughed as she said a soft goodbye  
to the walls and ceilings he judged her by.