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## HUMANITIES

## Poetry

## scribing death

glimmers hazy and red glared off the tall concrete onto an indigo backdrop

a gust raw and gelid evanesced through the room into an idle hallway

neighbouring chatter vanished

a bland cream shade there it stood still the curtain was drawn

wide-eyed a senescent gaze toward the blue yonder now empyrean

open-mouthed a fixed expression after the final gasp now spent

undisturbed a static trunk after the closing beat now deaf



motionless you lay unruffled ashen and gray

inanimate

waxy and cool i touched your lids closed

thin and plain i veiled your frame from collar to toe i glanced at my wrist needles marching forward shielded by glass i recorded this moment as it passed

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