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The night falls with a plop  
Is this what we wanted?  
Hey darkling, hey love,  
leave the lingam alone tonight.

The archetypes here are defunct,  
forgotten blood on the blacktop.  
Four phrases, four arms,  
the devourer of consciousness

crouching in the cracks  
of the sidewalk, among weeds,  
bottlecaps, butts, and pebbles  
washed pure by gutter water.

I often forget you're here.  
Then the rain falls  
and sunrise mounts rubies  
on the hood of my car.