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for Oskari & Ben
you manifested my madness beautifully.

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I

howling butterflies

NOBLE METALS & SULFUR

The night hangs heavy upon my head
air bleeds sulfur and
it tastes like you

Unholy

No amount of noble metals
burnt leaves
or quicksilver lies
can bring back
what was lost in our fire.

BLACK SAND

you have her
and you have your drugs
i have our past
and i have my drugs
Black sand pouring down the stairs
you have her and
i have black sand under my fingernails.

SACCHARINE

Musky sweet vanilla scent
shifts behind and under the closed doors
Girls hairless like the Sphynx cat
sway and waver like snake charmers
Pupils dilated as wide and dark
as the botton of the ocean
Disgusted by the saccharine fumes
I become the human headed,
lion bodied winged Riddler itself
mouthing questions unending like circles
beginning from the end
closing the door with a bang

Again, and again.



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