New Year's Day

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We are sitting at a table in a bar in Baltimore It's the last night of December And the room is nearly full And the front door pulls a draft in every time it opens wide And you are telling me a story From another time and life And the waitress brings our order And we're tucked in mighty close And I feel like we belong among The living and these ghosts And I know that I am dreaming As I memorize each part In the telling lies a reverie In the details lie the heart Like the folds of summer dresses Like the scent upon my wrist Like the way you played guitar Like a boxer punches with his fist And taken or just lost to me It's better now to say I dwell in possibility On New Year's Day There's a jukebox or a bandstand And we're on another round And the night's just getting started Or the night's just winding down And your stories are not clouded yet by the ale

Or by the gin
They just make me feel as if I've known you
All my life again
Like the folds of summer dresses
Like the scent upon my wrist
Like the way you played guitar
Like a boxer punches with his fist
And taken or just lost to me
It's better now to say
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And this is what it looked like When we started walking home The night sky bleached to silver Against the city's bones In dreams or in our waking It's just enough to say Love and grace and endless flowers Be ours on New Year's Day And the folds of summer dresses And the bangles on my wrist And the way you played guitar Like a boxer punches with his fist And taken or just lost to us It's better now to say We dwell in possibility On New Year's Day

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