Man of a Thousand Faces

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The man of a thousand faces
Sits down at the table
Eats a small lump of sugar

And smiles at the moon like he knows herAnd begins his quiet ascension

Without anyone's steady instruction

To a place and no religion

Has found a path to our alikenessHis words are quiet like stains

Are on a tablecloth washed in a river

Stains that are trying to cover for each other

Or at least blend in with the patternGood is better than perfect

Scrub till your fingers are bleeding

And I'm crying for things that

I tell others to do without cryingHe used to go to his favorite bookstores

And rip out his favorite pages

And stuff 'em into his breast pockets

The moon to him was a strangerNow he sits down at a table right next to the window

And begins his quiet ascension

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