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### The falling of a performance

Losing my soul bit by bit  
Is a performance.  
Like most everything else,  
I do it exceedingly poorly.  
I may possess an ill-fated  
Profession like a whore who  
Is bound and tied to survive  
From the dollars of hundreds  
Of dullard, gold-ringed men.

My essence needs to be restrung  
Like a degenerating guitar  
Gathering dust the way  
A cobweb takes over  
A corner lot.

I do believe that vertigo  
Has caught me in its  
Hurried fists like a  
Firefighter rescuing a child  
And making the world  
Right again,  
If only for a fleeting instant.

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