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I hate the smell of your sweat
Iron mixing with the product of your toil
Water droplets glistening on your nose
A tangible odor in the air
I should get up and leave
But I stay and taste it
Let it dance on my tongue
Let it choke me with its strength
You don't seem to notice
That is your specialty
You excel in the art of oblivion
Let your eyes glaze over in anger
And don't ever see me suffocating on your air
I should shake you out of your dream
And dare put my hands on you?
I'm too scared for too many reasons
Starting with the poison I'm sure leaks through your pores
And ending with the callused fingers that love my face
Striking it into the shape you can tolerate
A whimpering creature under your command
I should get up and run away
Forget the tears in my skin
And the red silhouettes of fingers that cover my body
Five fingers I see
Just like any other man
It must make you normal
But I haven't figured out what that makes me
I should scream until blood fills my lungs
And let you watch my demise?
Maybe not the best solution
My prayer to any god has been an end
But a secret one
Not where you stand with a pounding fist
And where your sweat fills the air I breathe
With sharp inhales
I don't know why but it hurts worse this time
I should look down and see the damage

But I feel it
A rash of burning pain that is spreading
Like fire
Not even the inanimate iciness of the floor is enough
Not even the shivers of my tattered body
Not even the drips from the leaking roof
Not even the air lined with the smell of your sweat
The only thing that will wrap me up in an embrace
Is enough
I should find a place where they can put out these fires
I should
Run farther away to see how far you'll chase me?
No
I'll see you here tomorrow
Same time
Same place
Night Daddy