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## Flickersmoke

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Somewhere in human self-imposed haze  
thought is struck ablaze  
against the grindstone that whirls  
when sleep is the pearl.

It is only a farewell spark,  
the shine which enlightens blindness at a blink  
before the sluggard dark  
allows it to slink  
away like a clever raccoon from its trap.  
I chase  
but it's a speedy ace  
best shot and jotted down  
and smoldered into my crown.

The lit-wick brain  
strains  
burning against a lax wax stump  
until the shine only glows, then mellows  
into forgotten  
flickersmoke.