

Points of Light on A Pearl

Line 1

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- 1. __ He proves himself
a deity from the flatteries
that had you sprawled out
like a panda on the deep
seams of his comforter.**

- 2. __ The air was willing
until it heard him sing; a bouquet of
prickly coral sitting
in a deep frier. The war of romance
in his tongue.**

- 3. __ He nests his legs
and sits in the center of your dream.
He spins a disco ball on his finger,
it glisters across your face
like white champagne.**

- 4. __ Jarred piano carbon and
tucked it in a scroll. He wrote lifted
verses until he sank in liquor
and tied himself
to the terra firma sofa.**

- 5. __ Chief Serious, a combination
of everything, he understood
the New Orleans harbors yawning
over itself. Oh how the explanation
never added up to the newspaper headlines,**

just ink on a tire.

**6. __ He approaches the bed with
nerves clutched into a bouquet.
The conclusion of war,
breathing laughter,
ear at his lover's breast, listening
to his lips through the chest,
two petals rattling in a bush.**

