## Shiny Crimson Trails

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a man in silhouette wearing a hat steps out from store in rain

twilight encapsulates moods, images as light fades

he steps off curb into open door of waiting vehicle

automobile slides down black tape tail lights crying shiny crimson trails

no human is seen

windshield wipers play games demonstrating skills beyond measure

a CD player lasers latest recording into ears, dark parts, even muscle

silences roar like raindrops slapping themselves in head

endless night creeps into fond empty space

each moment encouraged like the last and the one before

black legs exit doorways like shadows almost hidden

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there is no speaking

only thoughts lost in lonely trails of red

like blood in head pounding towards next destinations

the music is over lush drunkenness climbs into back seat

hands remove hat sliding along narrow throats

rain swallowed like fear traces every crack

until wet streets reflect only green

no human is seen