My Freeway City

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to Wanda Coleman and all the
black Angels of Jazz

The shadow of the city
grows orange and hot peppers
in those corners where nobody loans a glance

A reflection of fake cellular trees
are a virus on my windshield

Under a bridge of dust
the city snakes its own poison

blinks its tail of yellow lights and swings
from the flat remorse of oily gum

Green rot aims the eye to the main road

Violent and purple the smog flower
visits my lungs places a bad seed

Let me run the dark red
catching the wave of concrete

where pollution pushers remind me
cancer signs eat my few sights of the sky

I laugh at purple billboards that wolf down
the face of adolescents
laugh at the cowboy riding

dead horse skin through dollar green dreamland

Point your target toward the eye of the road
disregard the lack of air

gulp down the carbon of my loneliness
Freeway city —with your river

of fiberglass red-yellow lights
fill me up to your dark blue satisfaction.

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