## Ludo, Part I: Broken Bride

Fifteen years I raged against, The constant C, the speed of light, The diagrams and haunted sleep, Frozen sheets, in bed, my dreams: Your garden grave, I'd climb inside. Hold your bones, and slowly die, The cooling space inside your chest, My broken bride, you never breathed again. The circuits fail, the cosmic strings, Like rubber bands, I lose control, They snap, I fall through mist to mud, Against my face, the taste of blood, The world is strange, the stinking earth, And giant trees, through heavy air, A demon shrieks, what have I done? What hell is waiting for me?

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Like motor oil down my throat, I couldn't speak, I dropped the phone, The burning flares, the steam, your hair, Bits of glass, they sparkled everywhere. Like winter nights, the stars, the ice, All intertwined, to hold and keep, Like petals pressed in sheets, Making love to moonlight in our sleep. And now above the pits of tar, In a cave I hide, That massive, screaming thing with wings, Of reaper's cloth it's standing just outside. I must get to my machine, I will bring you back to life, Fix your ruined lungs, I'll undo what time has done!

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I carve, Your sweet name, Into the cave, I'm sure to die. All my strife, Has been in vain, The glaciers come, And wash my words away.

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