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BUT HOW DO I DO IT?

Sometimes I want to go back to Sin Street where
Moses stood on the corner warning from his King
James Bible that I should stop smoking Marlboros
and drinking whiskey from your glass. I want

to rehearse his thousand *thou shalts* in smoky
order as your hand finds the small of my back
and massages up the edges of my red satin bra.
Nothing will happen, of course, just as nothing

happened way back in the Pentacostal Drug Store
where you bought me a cherry Coke and I sucked
long at the long straw. I will be acting pure

and you will be acting easy and in my mouth
will be the forgotten ice like props from another
decatalogue, the one that said I couldn't love you.