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she grasps the meaning of the thrill,
takes out the bodyguard and the boss
in a swift, efficient kill –
let the Pleiades be where they will.

Because I am alone tonight
the moon is careless of its light
and Anna Kournikova slams
the ball home in a breaking smash

and though she’ll never win the match
frankly I couldn’t care less –
the point of tennis is to watch
her body moving in a dress.

But still no other flesh or face
can take your television place
and I am hurting at the bone
because tonight I lie alone.