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pool

many a quarter is lost
until one day at the table
everything comes together
a world defined on dingy
green felt in a smoke-hazed
room and everyone is watching
as you seize it
dissect it with some sort of primeval
geometry imbedded in your genes
you sense the elation of those around you
at the sight of a man grasping
control of his destiny for the 1st time
since who-knows-when
the 8-ball gracefully sinking out
of sight ending the game too soon
like the quick and unexpected sunset on one of
those rare days when everything goes right

another quarter goes down
everyone agreeing it's such a small price to pay

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