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*(* Running Shorts *)*

That's New York if you sing it. Begonias  
between rusted cosmetics, speckled like  
whippoorwill eggs and twice around the  
ice. Leaves turning slow, slower, listless  
where beauty runs short, an orange flashy tinge, autumn  
veining in  
and out between stale smoke and chopped  
liver. Eating out of paper carton  
never so bright. Winter roughed  
cheek, and a thumb chimes  
the little silver bell. Hours later  
small talk in an empty bar, whiskey,  
rocks. That's why she had me over.  
Pages turned,  
an old Jane Eyre lullaby.

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