

MIDNIGHT

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first world elegance a fulminant
force on polis where police scissor
dissent or dissect by distraction
the supernatural subordinate to
supernational tongues that toggle
between flitter and wag lightless
worms but the world burns alight
thaws its poles good night shrug
thugs will have their day again
prairie and plain in sea and sky
that flood metros soak up petrol
lessen the vitriol spill triggers on
the road shudders a break a bear
a track of emulation of predation