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Tomorrow's Living Room

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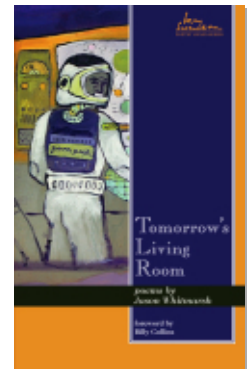
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It was the Era of Ostentatious.
Everywhere you went, the racket
lasted all night while machines fleshed out
the least of the world's mysteries.
Plain, as a category, had been dismissed.
Mirrors doubled what was left in sight:
Unsunken boats adrift on a lake, risk-
averse lovers apart in bed. Tonight,
you said, will be a simple affair,
but I, I wonder. What if behind
the curtain was only an after-
thought—an arcless moon, devoid of shine?
(You make out like there's nothing wrong,
you keep to that look of the looked-upon.)