Directions to the Night

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1. Follow the beetle wings on the ground the way you follow a voice
2. When you find eyes, as black and white as memory, turn right
3. If you see a sun-glazed collarbone, turn back—you’ve gone too far
4. If you hear the wind say Run, don’t
5. There’ll be a room to fall into and enough paper to carve a moon
6. Through the Valley of Wounds where you lose shame and gain sin
7. Approach the siren-like mouths and whisper new horizon three times
8. They’ll show you enough darkness to make a fruit
9. You are here—your body is being dragged on the sky like a match