

THE
SPOON
RIVER Poetry Review

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Vincent, I've Broken into Poems

each fracture paints
a *duppy-photo** of the subject
(me etched in an explosion of stars)
blues marry grays that scatter
like confetti my voice polyphonies

green as tropical waters
moon-sparkled they breast and break the reefs
on nights
I collect phrases
of me, refuse that refuses
to complete, shells
that litter and star

**duppy-photo* is Jamaican for photograph negatives.