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Two Poems

Layover

Dawn arrival  
domestic refugee  
male chick  
punk railroad  
pay bed  
single guest  
love unease  
pube moth  
lust loom  
sleep woof  
dream warp  
wing squirm  
crawl swallow  
thrash turn  
woke hollow  
teach head  
crane ride  
ichabod heart  
queerly sick  
crotch sweat

balls toll  
twilight sleep  
dusk wakeful  
startling alarm  
breakfast candy  
another ride  
deserted road  
night flight  
at the bottom  
of a fearful  
universe of magnificent  
indifferent diamond  
studs of stars

## Keys

Sax somewhere  
moist tactile air  
in the night  
guys down bad  
bluesy jam  
heroic harmony  
of two soft horns  
big, tonic  
heady, heavenly jazzmen  
by the  
white and fragrant jasmine.  
Heavy dew.  
The dawn incarnadine.

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