

# MANDORLA

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## FIVE POEMS

### TEQUILA SUNRISE

In the tentacles of dream, clarity cornholed & dropped him outside the precincts of inky dawn. He'd returned to the comic book of his heart to salvage simple & sweet words when the poison-fanged & polysyllabic *luchador* of reason caught him in a naked chokehold. He scanned the fading darkness one more time for *La Llorona*, but she'd been deleted from the scene so he stumbled out into the blaring sun, a gleaming man of steel soon to rust. He was not afraid. Okay, he was.