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Two Ex-Lovers and a Dirty Glass Door

Approach the glass door.
Reflections. Reflections of me and her.
As we were before. Intertwined.
We hang in the metal frame.
Lying in the finger smudged
pool before us.
My reflection and her
on the opposite side.
Separated only
by the oiled glass
We both step forward
as if to challenge
then retreat in unison
like a dance.

Throw the door open arms wide, baring my chest. We slide in the narrow frame as if slick with sweat positioned as if we had collapsed, looking down at her soft features, my arm above her head. Our breath mingling together. I turn to tell her . . . But nothing comes. The moment gone. She is distant now. Only the filthy hinged glass Comes back to me.

-Chris Macaluso '93