



## Tell This to the Universe

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*DRINKING ON THE PORCH WITH A FELLOW RECLUSE*  
after Li Po

*we drink as dusk shrinks to dark, the bushes buzz,  
mosquitos hum. azalea blossoms to the right, fallen  
and trampled by wildlife: squirrels, a small dog.  
we laugh, lights blur. skeletons sway in the breeze.  
I fall into thought, wander off. you don't even hear me leave.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (July / August 2024)

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