

# Room with No Number

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Picture a hotel room  
Clothes scattered across the floor  
Covers pulled back from the pillow  
A sign hung on the door  
Two lovers locked up tight  
Through the endless days and nights  
Hiding something they can't show  
Something no-one must know

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While the sign outside says there's  
no vacancy as you take your key  
They smile at you so understandingly

She cried out in the night  
Woke the porter from his sleep  
He grinned slyly to himself  
As he went to fetch his keys  
Look what love has brought them to  
This terrible nightmare  
His or hers he could not tell  
As they were sleeping there

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And I wish he could be  
The man he was before he was me

A girl arrived at first light  
And enquired if they'd been seen  
And why the numbers ran from twelve  
Missing out thirteen  
And they said oh my darling  
Put it down to superstition  
Try to avoid a scandal  
And don't arouse suspicion  
They re-arranged the furniture  
They even papered over the door

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