

# Chiaroscuro

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Goya and El Greco, Gauguin and Van Gogh  
Painted light in the darkness, chiaroscuro  
Imagine we were a painting  
A woman and a man,  
Two lovers on a canvas  
One is white, one is black.

Darkness and light will be married tonight in chiaroscuro  
Your body on mine - two colors combined in chiaroscuro

Vermeer and Velazquez, Rembrandt and Rousseau  
Painted perfect union, chiaroscuro  
The man and the woman  
The knife and the spoon  
The xylem and the phloem  
The sun and the moon

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How we lived a secret life from racist eyes  
You said I couldn't understand you anyway I tried

But in this moment together, in our secret unity  
Our skins become the still life, our souls epiphany