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## Despues / Afterwards

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## Después

Afterwards

There were six things  
We were concerned with.  
*Las cortinas, las luces, la música.*  
Yes, I said.  
There is no one here but us.

But she rambled off—  
“*Usted no piensa en mí*  
*en las maneras que ángeles piensan en Dios.*”  
“You are a thinker that thinks of himself only.”

And we sat on the edge of the bed  
*Con el vino, las velas,* and the mood  
Gone  
With garbled confessions  
Of who we really loved  
And what we really wanted.