

Internal Ambience

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The smoke drifts over the audience,
the piano, the throaty singer and the sax
permeate the room with a jazzy ambience.
My nerves vanish in the vibe, and I relax.

I enter the parlor to a flower-scent rush
there's solemn gloom in the room for the viewing
I hear sniffles and mourners speak in a hush,
the ambience here shaded with blueing.

The senses soak up the atmosphere.
Smells, sounds, touches, and sights
on the outside penetrate like a spear
take us down or thrust us to the heights.

Every day every inch of the way
is a new journey. I can choose my stance,
embrace the unexpected and pray
for openness and grace in my *internal* ambience.

[Ambience: the atmosphere of an
environment; a surrounding influence]

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