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the morning after

(1)

leaning against the door  
examining pensively  
his lover  
under the cover  
wondering  
whether it's appropriate  
to leave

(2)

toilet flushed  
hands washed  
the aching pang  
has not subsided  
wondering  
if it was  
last night's doing

(3)

inspecting the freshly  
bruised limbs  
the bloodied scar  
on his left cheek  
wondering  
whether they could stop  
hurting each other  
for *love*

**By Collin Jerome**

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