

## Wilderness House Literary Review 8/2

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### **Sweeper**

Door locks  
Spinning barstools stop  
Piano long notes  
Composers once wrote

Yellow #2 pencil stub  
Writer paper notion scratch outs  
Erasure a nub  
Until song knocks us out  
Lights dim  
Dancers want to hold someone

Now single is complete  
Band singer an instruments compete  
Below blaring on/off lamps

Ride home back then  
Anticipate future date  
Today honey texts ether  
Driver imagines and waits

Sweep floor around memorabilia  
Drab fellow  
Slow dance ghost companions  
Of a while ago

Mirror man lonely  
I grin at him  
He grins at me