The Flute Man

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She takes herself home, past the marble threshold and the mirrored hall, and the empty elevator plunging darkly, opening and

waiting on the corner, always there,
the flute man plays her song and
she pays him with a smile, her
garnet eyes a flash already

lifting to the hills, where the tempest falls tonight, a flash flood no-one knows about but her, and the voices from her broken radio.