

## Sketch of a Poet's Studio

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Empty coffee-imbued mugs,  
remnants of tea leaves  
in blue Chinese teapots,

dim lit purple desk lamp, scented coffee candles  
to nourish creative juices.

A top shelf of antique typewriters  
bookending unfinished manuscripts  
beside a wall of loved one's photos,  
a reading chair and a purple orchid.

Shelves of crookedly lined books  
laden with stickers on their best pages,  
stacks of finished journals  
in every color and story—  
gathered as if their time was over.

A Japanese table harbors  
a pen collection and journals;  
a floor heater dries my tears;  
my fountain pen negotiates its flow.

Outside the paned doors,  
hummingbirds and bluebirds  
share a water fountain  
while rabbits nibble on fallen rose petals.

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