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Let us, you and I, lay ourselves down on designer sheets  
spread across our bed like housing market woes  
tight across the globe.

Though you ran away to Dublin to a once-cozy one bedroom,  
now feverish and shivering with negative equity  
from a subprime infection,

As feverish as far-away taxi drivers in New Delhi, holding their bellies  
complaining of market influx, that sighs  
and seeps like a colorless gas,

As subprime as the world's iconic lovers, no longer bubbling in the  
alleys of Madrid,  
their hearts as empty as housing units, swooning,  
from mortgage malaise,

Yet will I dare to disturb your musings on anticipated wakes,  
to call you back and inflate for us an airy bed, as fresh and new  
as my American dream.

*Steve Thomas is an Assistant Professor of English. He submitted this poem  
"with apologies to T.S. Eliot."*