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Infinity Manifold

I took my time machine to the garage for a service.
after a long wait the mechanic informed me
there was a problem with the infinity manifold
what exactly, he wasn't sure. After another wait,
maybe a century or two, he said the settings were all wrong.
Manifolds he said were usually set at 'n'
whereas someone had tampered with mine
and reset the labyrinth technical gauges to ABC.
I felt instinctively that this was the fault of my evil twin,
the one who follows me around from bed to bed,
slowing my love affairs from bliss to thrill to trust.
Once back at 'n' I hurled myself to those places
where day and night, past and future meet
but with an empty feeling, like a torn-out page.
I missed a certain smell, a certain pair of lips.