



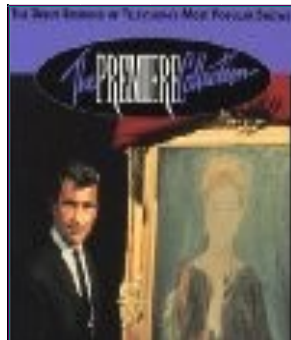
Late in the night I watch an episode of Night Gallery.  
 It's the one where I haunt mirrored rooms in a creaky mansion.  
 The rooms are mirrored and there are no lights  
 but the lights that stain stained windows.  
 Everywhere I go returns me to the same room.  
 The mirrors are endless and the episode goes on forever.

**Night Gallery**

**I Want to Report a Dream**

In the quiet of midnight I sleep and watch television.  
 I watch Kojak as he sucks down lollipops and hides his baldness in hats.  
 A mad bomber is on the loose. He blows up buildings and writes cryptic notes to newspapers.  
 Crocker wears a gaudy tie.  
 Stavros sweats.  
 I fall asleep. I wake up.  
 A maniac killer is on the loose. He is a maniac and a killer who only knows how to dream in death.  
 Kojak hunts him down to an old box factory.  
 The wallpaper in the factory is the same color as Crocker's tie: he disappears into it.  
 I fall asleep. I wake up.  
 Kojak stares out into the night, a sleazy New York City night that will go on forever.  
 Time freezes.  
 I fall asleep. I wake up.

**Midnight Television**



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I flip through channels.  
 I cross great westerns.  
 I ride Route 66.  
 Here I am the detective.  
 Here I am the fugitive.  
 I am Cannon. My name is Gunn.  
 Snivelling cowards are everywhere,  
 and everywhere they are out to get me.  
 Sweat and static runs down their nervous faces.  
 They are afraid because they know  
 outside of channels they are forgotten.  
 They only live in here, and they know  
 they are not long for this world.

**Tonight's Episode**

**The Rest is Silence**

Now static fills the screen like lazy rivers.  
 They zig and zag.  
 They crackle and snap.  
 They are an eternity of nowhere.  
 It's nice to take a swim.

**Commercial Break**

A commercial comes on for  
 a cushion with gels.  
 The man with the cushion is satisfied.  
 To him, sitting is a pleasure.  
 He is a man content with his cushion.  
 He is a man content with life.

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