

**Bittersweet Gimlet**

tart Bombay gimlet,  
sun touches Amazon's sheen,  
John strums Elton John

mood-soothing sky-scene,  
sweet Susan smiles beside me  
in Viking Sea's lounge

capture light's fading  
Muse, please fail me not again,  
guide me to the words

heed my fervent plea:  
bottle this moment's spirit  
to sip tomorrow

still, you refuse me  
here-and-now is all I have  
life's bittersweet grog



Last sunset on the Amazon, viewed as I wrote this haiku, 17 January 2023, Manaus, Brazil

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