

**a magical suicide**

his most difficult act is when he's high  
he transforms into houdini  
a black one  
who can make a handgun disappear  
while being frisked  
by uniformed masters of blue illusions  
who join in the spectacle  
of cuffing his hands behind his back  
confining him to the backseat  
of a squad car  
then turning and looking away  
while he twists his body like a contortionist  
frees himself  
and brandishes a loaded weapon  
then pulls the trigger and shoots  
himself in the chest  
and  
abracadabra  
no  
hocus pocus  
and just like that  
he's gone  
we all sit still  
spellbound  
speechless

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