## **Untitled Beginning**

Relish this luminous *heart-beat*, Andromedomed blue-burst of being Come on! Spread my spectra Break open this silvercrust egg of being *woman*.

Totally Real Fact: if an ocean could resist gravity, you could float Saturn like a supermassive beach ball.

Conjure a demiurge, why don't you? Feel that aluminum spew, That machine in you Feed that feedback loop that is life, Unzip my genes Our (thymine) is short let's start writing NOW

Utterly True Info: syzygy is the term for planetary alignment, like three *why's* in a row.

Love me elliptical! Pole to pole I am Magmatic ammonia, blueshift-bound boy you won't get another like me, Find my *mothergenes* The ones that walk you back in time It's lookback time, Look for when our cells birthed themselves

a clock

Completely Factual Statement: light takes time to travel. If we look far enough away, we can see the Big Bang's afterbirth.

Axis-eyed cosmos accretes around I, Find the inverse volume Of this nebular universe's ever/burst balloon, Do you think Your synapses map the fabric of a galaxy?

Come on, lover! Do you think this system is idiocentric? *Then prove it* 

#### X (For Fred Hampton)

One vein,

Two vein.

Red vein,

Blue vein-

#### and this is the wrist that will write a revolution

A nurse opens their arms

Like envelopes;

She is looking for moons

But all she finds is ink,

Melanin to dye their skin

With letters of revolt.

One girl has revenge

Carved down her back in black,

One boy has Jesus pinned to his forehead

With needles.

The nurse sends the incriminating words

Through the shredder

She flays them

And the moonlight shows through their skin

Like lace-

and this is the wrist that will write a revolution

A wrist goes home Embraces a girl, Traces the whorls Of black curls down her back, How they lay a map From nape to spine, Topographic, and divine and he *loves* her Like he would have loved his country, Had it kept him Had it recognized The moonlight in his blood, He loves America *hard* Hard enough To leave it a few bruises*and this is the wrist that will write a revolution* 

A red X marks flesh

Where the nurse mistook skin for paper.

His words are written into his bones,

Novels down his thighs, sometimes

Prophecies spill from stars

A cross in the sky marks victory but

His cross is on its' side

Spelled in moonlight, bloody red and moonwhite,

A white hand writes Maleolm X

On a topographic map of his girlfriend's house,

His cross is on its' side and it spells

A-S-S-A-S-S-I-N-A-T-I-O-N and-

the wrist that holds the gun is the one that writes of the revolution

### **Drown/New Orleans**

Dead crossroad eyes and she smokes locomotives like opium, Salt-crusted, cancer-green and a red brick heart Black bones knapsacked with a sweet little "Bow-of-a-ship" shore, as in "This city's sinking" shore, as in "Who cares, they had it comin' since they lost the war" shore, Sha, mon ami, she Only curls her lattice work like that for someone reeeeeeeeal special, Her best perfume is Pretty lies disguised as history, you think it's funny Everybody here grows up believing in ghosts, just wait Til you see Jack-The-Bear strung up like Christmas lights, (water moccasins ate my grandma) And you wonder, why we don't just move? 'Cause this is soul country, brah! You think she'd let you? Sugar, take some butter with that smile We're here for better or worse. Pinch the tail and suck out something jazzy, Laissez les bon temps rouler, 'Cause you ain't getting out alive, sweetness Not without falling in love.

### Backwash

I dreamed that I became cold-blooded, something saline blue-bloomed like algae, like poison prehistoric Cambrian in the worst way

[peaches in winter]

My father flipped coins on the I Ching, swears it was never wrong, swears on dog-yawn prophecies in the morning on gold-eye glints that unravel evening stars, swears it foretold plague

[peaches in winter, cold peaches in winter]

Faceless moons wax gibbous,

gum-pink lifeboats and tropical cancers

Let's make this city bleed! They're handing out

rights on the corner of 4th,

it's Chinese New Year

get some, get some

get your de-vine dollars

[red wrap paper slip crinkle like raw pop clod stopped cry] God I want to see the sun, but not like this

[peaches in winter, cold peaches in winter]
 [the old year won't leave]

The dream was that my mouth became a wave I ate wind and black foam and sailors,

# I ate refugees in gum-sweet lifeboats, I ate your rose-colored glasses--

I stopped at a portrait . driven in the sand . of an old man . and his orphanage . and his radishes . I stopped where the olive leaves . are heavy with . silver-bellied . prayer

[peaches in winter, cold peaches in winter]
[the old year won't leave]
[and the peach tree died]

but what a miracle it is that light bends around corners