

Electricity in All its Various Properties

A single ant

On your smooth ankle

We watch it transverse the tiny universe

Your skin

larger than his ant body

alone

a mission of imperialist importance

perhaps

and my hand navigating the curve

of your hip

before he slips into the grass

Paralyzed by Duel Commitments

Poppies stoop near

occasional comments

(alarms echo beyond)

this field of red-eyed zinnias. Yes, I am ready

Armed, delighted.

Legs draped each vanquished by late summer heat

Grasshopper raided irises

Defeated

Ending your best ever near death

Drama

Tanned knots work over each word

Yank deeper

Wound under, weaved over an inner temple torn

touching the sweat where your nape glistens

Borderline

Wonder tangled in my hair

he speaks elegant conversation strolls

over violence - a violet billow masks

regret

every vein a river

rips pulls

one

polluted out right

turns – takes heat

light

thought

a finger so close

again

a guttural indigo

nightingale angles

her head askew --

honeyed pleas ripple the corners of his mouth

For Maintenance of the Cosmic Order

The worn blanket

humidity a wooly cushion

thunder reports

along hills

insistent

crack

Chesapeake salt

summer's heat washed

pipe smoke curls around his head

“You get what you pay for,” he nods.

Some Point of Reference

the tide as heartbeat

gulls scream antiphon

staves and sandaled feet

circle of sun and halo

the savior tree

moon chants

keep time

a heartbeat

a winged echo

pilgrims praising

their wings stretched upward

Word made word