

1.

Expanse between stars

Joy is a shudder,
A fragment of melody
Behind double glazing.

The earth has roots
And worms and bones
And teams with life.

I can only believe in rain
And death and love.
The rest is imagination.

The dappled light I see
Reflects the incongruity,
The sleight of hand.

We are always falling
Backwards into the black
Expanse between stars.

2.

I am full of shadows

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I have to let go,
Like trees of leaves
Turning burnt ochre in winter.
There is an altar
Where I confess.
I receive blessings
Feeling undeserving
While fuel burns,
As is its nature.
My spirit being is feathered,
But bathed in blood.
I try to float
With a heart filled
With stones.
I miss summer with its
Landscape of mountains,
Clouds, wayward light
From a blue sky and
Green edges on bluffs.
Soon I will go taking
My nocturnal name,
Into the eclipse of the moon
Seeing with the eyes
Of a blind child.

3.

One step at a time.

Where are you going?

There is sweat

On his forehead and

Ghosts and dust.

From where have you come?

Her face a flute

Playing a single note

The children between

Have eyes only

For the fading horizon.

Distance is flat,

The past dead rocks.

Moving forwards

Is one step at a time.