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## **Abstract**

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as to the issue of causation

the silent ladder caught between foot and hand  
the grip of the climber in the belly  
tightening and loosening the ribbons of betrayal  
desire always halfway between things  
unmixed, attenuated -

wordless roofs beneath birds' feet, crucifixions  
smelling apple blossom, floating on fiddles  
playing the angels and the selenites  
falling off an evening of gems  
into the delicious sky of Summer -

the idea, unfamiliar, not a part of things  
unspoken under the stone  
free from fine, from open  
like the palm of a hand holding immortality  
from the consequences of loneliness -

the quiet word like a marble in the ring  
dark blue and choking  
living and dying at the threshold of victory  
gradually collecting the gradual  
unmitigated, silently sobbing -

the mirror, eyelike, all we complain about  
all that is not said  
moving in the soundless ceremony of reflection  
having it all done for us  
and then renouncing what we have married -

the cup, the hairbrush, the murderer  
the jumping cat, anticipation and moths eating  
oh, pale mystery -  
the solace that comes from uttering the self  
and speaking these silent things