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to start
with
you are narrow
bodied &
clean
no one blames
you for lack
of know
ledge
it is amazing
how
your cry can
leap through
gorges
you are
gorgeous
in that
you narrow
even when you are
broad in depth
I like
your noisy
intensity
I dread
your silent
potential
in turning
from original
to anonymous
you may be
a river
you are more
like
a bullet

OUYANG YU published four books in 2008: On the Smell of an Oily Rag: Speaking English, Thinking Chinese and Living Australian (Wakefield); Reality Dreams (Picaro), a collection of poems; The Kingsbury Tales: a novel (Brandl & Schlesinger), also a collection of poems; and Chinese in Australian Fiction: 1888–1988 (Cambria Press), a work of literary criticism.