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Abstract

Asked his name, he said, "Stra, short for Stranger." Sang it. Semisaid, semisung. "Stronjer?" I asked, semisang, half in jest. "Stronger,"

Whatsaid sip they lit Eleusis
with it seemed. Barley mold
made them wince... Heartrending
sky, held breath held high

as a cloud,
Hoof-to-the-Head knocked hard,
no bolt from on high but their
lips' convergence came close,

Maria
ruing the movement of ships...

The sunken ship they at times
took it they were on no sooner
sank

than sailed again. Failed or
soon-to-fail form, sisyphian
rock,
rough, andoumboulouous roll.

Serpent

wave, serpent wing, hoisted rag
snapped at by wind. Flag she
saw he lay bound up in, insisting
they'd meet again. Lag anthem
suffused every corner, music

more
the he she saw, we the escaping
they, calling out names no where

we'd
arrive would answer to, nowhere the
louder
we'd shout

