

At Worship

On days like this I could lie back and die.
Above the surface it's so sticky sweet.
Gnats are hovering in busy clouds above my head.
My gingham blouse is clinging to my back,
Almost transparent
But I'm alone
In my chapel of alders.
The minnows are darting beneath.
I want to touch them, but they're sacred relics.
Meanwhile, my feet are numbing nicely below the ripples.
My insignificance in my chapel is my comfort.
The sun filters,
And licks
Over my eyelids.

-Catherine Sweet

Now you know

Here it comes,
catch the rush.
Snag it down,
make it crush.
Take your hand,
forward thrust.
Let it feel,
not enough.
Refuse to
let me go.
Now you know,
know, know.

-Jay Collings

(From Helen, To Troy)

Tell me my thighs are appletrees
Whose blossoms touch the sky,
Or call me a dirty whore
And spit into my eye.

Compare me to a summer's day,
For thou art more lovely and temperate.
Make it worth my while
For all the hours I've spent.

Tell me to live with you and be your love
And I will surely prove,
That life's allusions you recall
A lover can only sooth.

I'll turn my cheek just once more
And let you in my world,
By then you'll see, in such short time,
What flowers have unfurled.

You'll despise yourself for wasted time
For that which you never confessed,
That I'm your love, your only love,
Your one true Coy Mistress.

-Leah Gill

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