

SONGFEST

Doved-out, drawn near, slowmotion
like castle-collapse, sugar in the dark,
slim as a cut, a war movie, all the scores,
dealt the low burn, the bitch, the socko,
plucked, cashed in, the last kitten,
talked clear of the ink gleam where the train turns,
bent by dread, fenced, belled, self spilled, milk afire,
aquarium-eyed, no parking place, wallet lost,
beasteyes in the bush, fart in elevator,
crayola broke, menstrual leak on white shorts
with blind date, thrown out bodily, screech of brakes wait,
the roast too rare, husband gone hearing leafcrunch,
throwing a rod, breaking a stud in the head, waiting
for the novocain to work, drillstink, locking yourself out,
coplight in rearview mirror while drunk,
pretending to know an answer, caught
with your pants up, telling a lie on the phone,
stepping in it, shadow & act,
singing for your supper,
singing regardless.