

Exodus

Locust—not lover to my heart.
Ice-latticed heart's hail.
Tiny hook of the louse to the auricle's sterile jail.
Bitter-built blind-blistered heart.

Heart: let the lather-larvae of the fly cross over.
Heartbeat: frog's air lunged webbed-water
Murmured night—not lover to my heart.
Drowned fish netted in heart-blood rivers.

Storm-scudded sand—not lover to my heart.
Fever-kill: heart butchered in sword.
Tethered-vine blue-birth convolvulus cord
of another, not lover—stopped heart under my heart.

Bazaar-bartered shards, terracotta jar
built of scar on scar—heart not lover on altar.