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the dreamt
up ones

the waves

and the ochre
curtains

fell sideways

out of
or into

the room

2

these walls
of light

while you're still an angel

cut up
into stripes

while you're still an angel

above the bookshelf

black
white

black
white

black
white

across
the icon
of Saint Silouan

*while
you're
still*

*an
angel*

and the clear
carafe

with the wild
flowers

dead

but
the light

as if
it was

August

*while
you're*

still

in
August

3

the sea
repeats

the sea
repeats

the sea
repeats

star
waves

star
waves

star
waves

the sea
repeats

star
waves

and
the mother
dream

kneels

by
orphaned
birds

the stars
repeat

the stars
repeat

the stars
repeat

the orphaned
birds

the orphaned
birds

the orphaned
birds

caught
within

the mother
mirror

.

the mother
village

kneels

the mother
village

kneels

for
the orphaned
birds

caught
in
the mirror

the mirror
that runs

with rain

4

and
I saw you
coming

across
the field

and
you didn't turn
right

you didn't turn
left

by the hawthorn

I saw
you coming

and
you didn't
turn

you
came

and we
said nothing

for a while

in the ochre heat

but drank
of the rain

from
the mirror

5

from the moist pillow

to the wheat field

we dream
ourselves back

to where
we are

now

seeing ourselves
coming

without
arriving

and
the bird
orphans

repeat
the stars

the stars
repeat

the waves

the waves

repeat
the wheat
field

in the rain

in the mirror

6

in
that room

in
August

in
that

ochre
heat

your
knee

was
bent

and
there were

no
waves

to
repeat

