

SKELESKINS

Flicker      iridescent as you cross certain state  
lines      bread moon

bread sun      show your face  
stand in the un-  
bidden spotlight

you      face-down on the lawn:  
tracings      stand in the un-  
face

paler phase      yellow dust      burning in our breasts

eyes too large to scale      contrive out-of-scale      replicas of vision

trusting vessels

to

comport us

bilsswad

ward

forgive the left

side of my body

it is hu  
mably aware of its supra-putrid jelly shell

what do we do if we  
don't like the way

our eyes are spaced

slow down

the nose down into

a hen-pecked crosstitch

frosted efforts to candy our tongues

we are only going to drag through glands and ducts anyhow

primacy of visual

profoundly deaf

attempt to cross senses in protest

in

a con

tinuous becoming

a color                    wasted on a wall

to enjoy

something I wish I could forget

forehead chickenpox scars

draining our

an insect's

about non-expression

something migrant

reluctant pragmatism

the siren you hear

through the plastic window

in flight

*you make me wanna breed, girl, freeze.*

as some of us

seek work dull

but meaningful

the rest

a meaningless  
spiritlessness

the death of Antschel

gave birth

to the axe blossom

and this for you,

alight in this catastrophe of category.

You are a nerd. You are a nerd. You are a nerd,

Construct for containment

a hollow concrete chest for the

conversations that terrify us. We are our not selves.

the relief of your mouth

as though a skein

were pulled back

from the horizon

the

air

melted

grapes

to

catch

on

our

tongues

collect

our

sour

blood

in

our

palms

to

throw

in

at the end of that sentence.

there's a period

what if there weren't

well