Fever

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In an open field at dusk
To footfalls, I awoke
Marching ants across my temple zone

Their feet had no intention

They followed some magnetic draw

Prisoners of their destinationFrom the slats of the factory come

(where once they did make rails)

Old death's peculiar songs

He didn't know I was listening

So he crowed out nice and long

To the spiders and the lumber and the dust of his conquests

and his hunger and his loss

I heard his feet rejoice

I heard him tap his cane

As if he had his own revue

On stage at the athenaeumI caught his words in my open mouth

I gagged and choked and spit them out

I heard him turn as he did hear

My tiny heartbeat in his ear

I was already running

Oh, I heard him comingShrapnel spinning from his wheels

The sounding arms rake for my heels

I know then roll and hit my face

And I said these magic wordsMy dove is home

Her breast is warm

My dove is homeAnd I said these magic wordsI fall down, down the anthill for daysMy dove is home

Her breast is warm

My dove is home

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