

Clara

Scott Walker

Birds

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This is not a cornhusk doll
Dipped in blood in the moonlight
Like what happen in America

This is us

Our eyesides snagged
Dipped in mob in the daylight
Like what happen in America

The breasts are still heavy

The legs long and straight

The upper lip remains short

The teeth are too small

The eyeside is green

The hair long and black

Still coming through

Still coming through

She knows this room

She can navigate it in the dark

She entered the Palazzo at night by a side door

To ascend to a lift in the upper floor

She lies on the bed

Looking up not yet seeing

The signs of the zodiac painted in gold

On the blue vaulted ceiling

His enormous eyes as he arrives

Coming nearer in the surrounding darkness

His strange beliefs about the moon

Its influence upon men of affairs

The danger of its cold light on your face

While you were sleeping

She'll eclipse it with her head

Stroke him while he sleeps

Until he has nothing to do among men of affairs

Sometime before dawn

Her bare feet cross the floor

She gazes from the window

At the fountain in the courtyard

Sometimes I feel like a swallow

A swallow which by some mistake
Has gotten into an attic
And knocks its head against the walls in terror
This is not a rabbit skinned
With a body of silver
Like what happen in America
The breasts are still heavy
The legs long and straight
The upper lip remains short
The teeth are too small
The eyeside is green
The hair long and black
Still coming through
Still coming through
The mood soon changed
In the clear morning air
A man came up towards the body
And poked it with a stick
It rocked swiftly
And twisted around at the end of the rope
Finer than a hair from every side
Finer than a hair
Birds
Birds
This is just a cornhusk doll
Dipped in blood in the moonlight
This is just a cornhusk doll
This morning in my room
A little swallow was trapped
It flew around desperately
Until it fell exhausted on my bed
I picked it up
So as not to frighten it
I opened the window
Then I opened my hand

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