

Blue in Theran murals
the headbands of pugilists
each with one hand gloved.
Blue-haired people in Homer.

Blue monkeys running
up a red rock mountain
pilfered fruit in hand
dogs in hot pursuit.

Blue Tarquinian demons
winged serpents in hand
over the blue-robed dead
smiling in their tombs.

In Akkad and Sumer
the hair of royalty
depicted in lapis lazuli
blue by royal edict.

On turquoise walls
blue scarabs rolling
dungballs twice their size
across Egyptian sands.

Cobalt-blue glass beads
from Nile workshops
in Scandinavian
Bronze Age graves.

Woad-blue hordes
screaming across the embankment
Blue-robed madonnas
by the woad-dyer's son.

The sea-blue grey-green
glaucous vision of Lir's
children captured in oil
by the brotherhood.

Blue riders on blue
horses beneath blue
mountains a blue fox

That period.

Blue wasp-waisted
mud daubers in flight
Blue flying fish
off Zoagli.

An undeciphered script
of those once alive
Aphrodite's eyes
the eyes of her daughters.