in tongues

from rock to slippery rock cross stream calling *all things by their proper names*

as they have made themselves known to those with ears

negotiating

passages

subterranean

phosphorescent

into with any luck a way

from the ear's empathies to the eye's pristine diamond silence

to get somewhere flat circumferences no more than priesters gun sellers or debt brokers go

from sight through opinion to judgment from knowing to acumen through the dark stones of the tower the man-childe came to

> leaning perilously against the leaden sky

> > implement in hand to overturn the earth

Ridiculous gesture said the younger of the two to no man in particular like father like son not like sis eyeballs floating memory's ghosts reliving themselves one holy water after the other thinly arcing trajectory of angels falling transformed into the sea of that O so catholic night outside the house where the bella donna of means found them in their usual attitude listing to starboard when she took them in hand to feel for herself how they were hanging Is that a potato in your pocket or are you just glad to see me? music rhythm emotion rehearsing the twofold vision talk thought logic

signs become song catching the mind in words as it moves

> proving little enough to the point

trusting in more or less

spontaneous emissions

spinning out of the flames

finer than spider's silk

whispering a veiled name

to illuminate something of substance in the moonlight