Casa Battlo

Brazzaville

She smelled like a thunderstorm When I met her
Down in the Tenderloin
Sipping tea

Vicodin pills, some scotch And a sweater Soon I was feeling Back on my feet

She lived in a little shack
By the water
The sound of the ships would lull
Us to sleep

A couple of sloths the world Had forgotten With nothing but youth And faraway dreams

After the saints fly home Solomon resting in his tomb Paperbacks on a train Sugarcane fields All wet with rain

Hurricane lanterns glow
After the rain the boats are slow
I'd rather be left behind
Nothing's as pure
As an empty mind