

## White Elephant Coat

School of Seven Bells

See the branches bend like  
silk ribbons without breaking  
The wind crashes into  
walls without shattering  
into a million strands  
I ask you to listen

A sunless winter light  
throws its coat down to say  
keep your feet faultless before  
the martyred ground defaced  
and torn by no fault of its own  
Bloodless lithe absolution  
I give you so take from me  
this white elephant coat