Original Air-Blue Gown

The Mountain Goats

Rain all burned away The horseflies are an irridescent green Plums boiled down to a pulp Drying on a screen

Bright red air inside the house here I can barely draw breath Dark blue shapes pop behind my eyelids I am not afraid of death

And on the television Black and white footage of the young Cassius Clay My god, my god, my god He was something

Fists flashing as he comes toward the screen Sailing headlong into nothing And disappearing, reappearing Out there in the clearing

Floating down the slight breeze That plays along the edges of the leaves It's you, it's you It's you