

## Houses on the Hill

Whiskeytown

well, I found a bunch of letters  
they were written for the fellow  
who broke your momma's heart  
and the envelope foldssmelled of her ancient perfume

I'll bet she didn't know  
how to respond to forty blankets of snow  
caught him out wandering alone  
with no place to go  
there were stars in the sky  
there were houses on the hill  
there were bottles and pills  
that were easy to buy to keep her warm  
from the oncoming storm

well, I found them in thenorthwest corner of the attic  
in a box labeled